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And the Appendant Orders of

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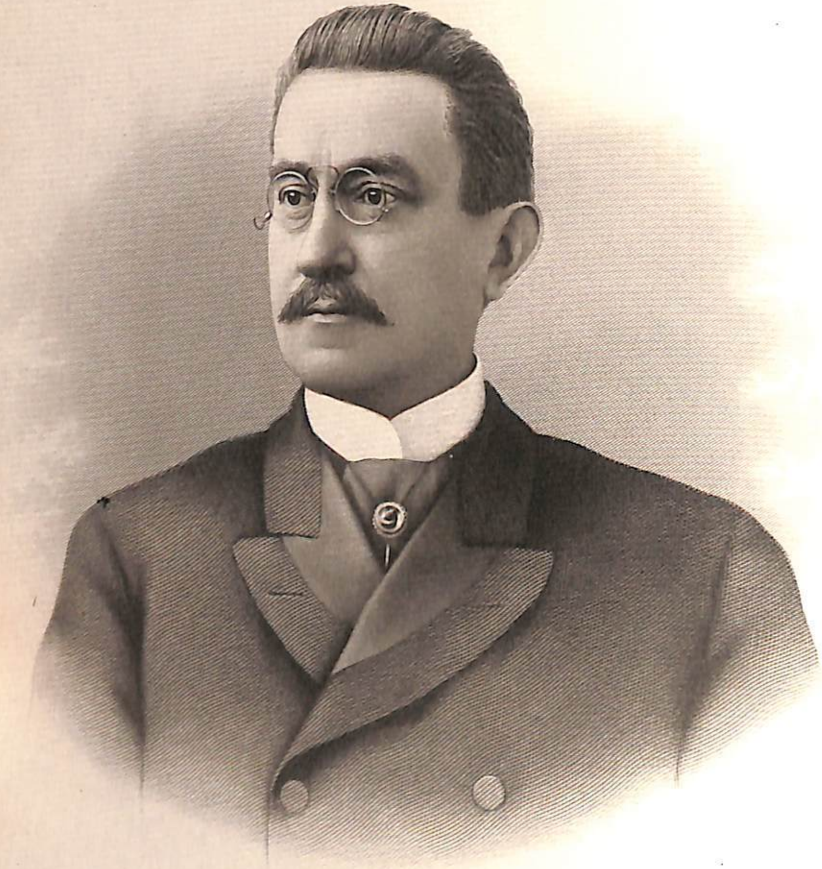

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# Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

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# Appendant Orders

OF

# MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 30, 1901.

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E. SIR BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, GRAND RECORDER.

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# Record of Proceedings.

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

AT ITS

## NINETY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

MAY 24, 1901.

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THE Ninety-fifth Semi–Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was opened in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Providence, R. I., on Friday, May 24th, A. D. 1901, A. O. 783, at 10:45 o'clock A. M.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| R. E. Sir Winthrop Messenger | Grand Commander. |
| V. E. Sir George E. Hilton | Deputy Grand Commander. |
| E. Sir George H. Kenyon | Grand Generalissimo. |
| E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey | Grand Captain-General. |
| E. Sir Dana J. Flanders | Grand Senior Warden. |
| E. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett | Grand Junior Warden. |
| E. Sir Rev. Charles T. Morgan | Grand Prelate. |
| E. Sir James H. Upham | Grand Treasurer. |

E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell..........Grand Recorder.
E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield,.........Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir John D. Monroe................Grand Warder.
E. Sir Charles E. Pierce.............Grand Captain of Guards.
E. Sir Walter W. Burnham..........Grand Lecturer.
E. Sir William E. Wilcox.............Grand Sentinel.
R. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D. { Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

### PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT.

R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders,
R. E. Sir George H. Burnham,
R. E. Sir James Swords,
R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule,
R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence,
R. E. Sir William R. Walker,
R. E. Sir Walter Cutting,
R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain,
R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn,
R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman,
R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg.

The Grand Recorder reported that a constitutional number of Subordinates were represented, whereupon the R. E. Grand Commander proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in ample form, assisted by the other Grand Officers and members present, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by the Eminent Grand Prelate, Em. Sir Rev. Charles T. Morgan, after which the R. E. Grand Commander declared the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island duly opened, and ready for the dispatch of business.

### RECORDS OF NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, 1900.

On motion of the Em. Grand Recorder, the reading of the records of the Annual Conclave of 1900 were dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were approved as printed.

### COMMITTEE OF THE DAY.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that he had appointed, as a Committee of the Day, Em. Sirs Clinton D. Sellew, Arthur W. Dennis, and Sir George H. Grant, and that dinner would be served at Field's Point, on the Providence river, at one o'clock P. M.

### SEMI-ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

*Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:*

The procession of the seasons brings us to-day to our Ninety-fifth Semi-annual Conclave. It is fitting that, at the very threshold of these proceedings, we recognize and acknowledge with grateful hearts our indebtedness to Almighty God for His compassionate mercy and loving kindness unto us. To thank Him that He has blessed our noble Order so abundantly, and vouchsafed to each one of us such a large measure of individual prosperity and happiness.

But while we are spared in health and strength to continue our duty and give attention to the high responsibilities entrusted to our charge, we are painfully conscious of our loss in the death of several members of the Grand Commandery, whose helpfulness was so constantly manifest, and to whom we are all bound in sincere ties of affectionate regard.

More than once has the silver cord been loosened; and henceforth there remain only precious memories in place of precious lives. But these echoes come back to us like sweet benedictions. Especially do we now recall them.

Right Eminent Sir Charles C. Fry is no longer with us. He has completed his mortal pilgrimage. We look for a loved face that has vanished; we listen for a familiar voice that is silent; we reach out to clasp a hand we cannot touch.

"No voice is heard, no sign is made,
No step is on the conscious floor!
Yet love will dream, and faith will trust
(Since he who knows our need is just),
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must."

On March 22d I caused to be issued General Orders No. 4, and under a later date General Orders No. 5, both having reference to the death of Right Eminent Sir Knight Fry, as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER,
388 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 4.
SERIES OF 1900-1901.

*To all Knights Templars, Members of this Grand Commandery:*

SIR KNIGHTS:—Another soldier of the Cross has been summoned to take his place in the ranks, under the immediate command of our Grand Captain of the Host, the King Immanuel. Our beloved Frater, Right Eminent Sir Charles C. Fry, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, has laid aside his armor to join that innumerable caravan which takes its place in the silent halls of Death, and has passed on to that bourne whence no traveler returns.

He died, after a short illness, at his home in Lynn, Mass., at 5:50 P. M., on the 21st day of March, aged 59 years.

His funeral will be held at the First Universalist Church, Nahant street, Lynn, Monday, March 25, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Knights Templars service will be performed by Olivet Commandery of Knights Templars, Eminent Sir Thomas W. Rogers, Commander, over which Commandery the deceased has presided as its Eminent Commander.

Members of the Grand Commandery are invited to be present at the services in the church, equipped in full uniform, with swords and jewels draped in mourning.

Train leaves the Northern Union station, Boston, for Lynn, at 12:40 o'clock P. M.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, this twenty-second day of March, A. O. 783, A. D. 1901.

[SEAL.] WINTHROP MESSENGER,
*Grand Commander.*

Attest:
B. W. ROWELL, *Grand Recorder.*

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R.·. E.·. GRAND COMMANDER,
BOSTON, MASS., May 1, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 5.
SERIES OF 1900-1901.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, the several Subordinate Commanderies, and to all Knights Templars within our Jurisdiction:*

"The battle of our life is brief,
The alarm, the struggle, the relief;
Then sleep we side by side."

Never are we so forcibly reminded of this ever-recurring fact as when some noble, high-minded, generous-hearted friend falls by the wayside in the journey of life, and we are left to complete it alone.

On Thursday, March 21, 1901, after a short illness, Right Eminent Sir Charles Coffin Fry, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in the very midst of his usefulness, was suddenly summoned from the field of his labors to his final reward.

Born in the city of Lynn, May 31, 1842, and there reared and educated, he was ever devotedly attached to its interests, and which, through years of public service, he helped guard and promote with a zeal, fidelity, and capacity as honorable as they were conspicuous. He was city auditor in 1875; city marshal in 1886–87; common councilman in 1896–97–98, being its president the last two years; and in 1899, 1900, and 1901 he was a member of the board of aldermen, and its president at the time of his death. During this long, active, and honorable career, besides serving on many important committees, he had also been a member of the school board and one of the trustees of the public library. To all these positions he brought rare gifts for the discharge of their important duties.

Following a year's service in the army in 1862–63, he entered the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, regularly advancing in rank and becoming a prominent figure in the organization, finally retiring in 1897 with the rank of brigadier-general. In this, as in all other pursuits, he was painstaking, and an example of patriotism we can all emulate with honor to ourselves and usefulness to our country.

As a member of the Masonic Fraternity, it is recorded that R. Em. Sir Knight Fry was raised in Mt. Carmel Lodge of Lynn, March 11, 1872, and was its Worshipful Master in '76 and '77; was exalted in Sutton Royal Arch Chapter, June 19, 1872; Knighted May 28, 1873, in Olivet Commandery of Knights Templars, he became its Eminent Commander in '82 and '83. Of this Grand Commandery he was Grand Commander in 1894. Of the Massachusetts Union of Knights Templars Commanders he was president in '97 and '98. In the A.·. A.·. Scottish Rite he was an honorary member, thirty-third grade, of the Supreme Council, N. M. J.

He was a zealous and devoted Mason, a loyal friend and sympathetic Brother, and cherished most liberal purposes for the welfare of the various bodies with which he was concerned.

The sods of his native country will forever cover his familiar form from our sight, but his memory, sweet and tender, will be cherished among all who knew him; and his worthy example is a precious legacy to all who were within the circle of its influence.

As a tribute of respect to our beloved Frater, it is hereby ordered:

That the banners, jewels, and altars of this Grand Commandery be draped in mourning for ninety days, and that similar mourning be worn on the jewels, banners, and altars of each subordinate Commandery for a like period; and that this order be read at the head of the lines in each body at the next regular Conclave after its receipt, and be spread in full upon the records.

[SEAL.] WINTHROP MESSENGER,
*Grand Commander.*

Attest:
B. W. ROWELL,
*Grand Recorder.*

The funeral of R. Em. Sir Knight Fry was attended by a large representation of the officers and members of the Grand Commandery, who, headed by your Grand Commander, were escorted to the First Universalist Church, wherein the services were held, by Olivet Commandery, Sir Frank P. Bubier, Generalissimo, commanding, the Eminent Commander being unfortunately confined at home by sickness.

The church was filled to overflowing by relatives and friends who had come to pay the highest earthly honors to the memory of the deceased. Many and beautiful were the floral tributes which surrounded the casket containing the remains, sent by these same relatives and friends and the organizations to which he belonged, each conveying sentiments of respect, honor, and love.

Following an eloquent eulogy, delivered by Rev. Samuel B. Stewart, pastor of the church, the Sir Knights of Olivet Commandery performed the beautiful and always impressive Knight Templar service.

"Taps" sounded, and the last look at the features, calm in death, of our dead Frater taken, the remains were conveyed to their last resting-place by the relatives, escorted by Past Grand Commanders R. Em. Sirs Charles A. Stott, Henry W. Rugg, Caleb Saunders, Charles C. Hutchinson, George H. Burnham, George H. Allen, Edward L. Freeman, James Swords, John P. Sanborn, Robert H. Chamberlain, William H. H. Soule, William R. Walker, George L. Shepley, and Herbert F. Morse, and R. Em. Ellery I. Garfield, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Anticipating the action of the Grand Commandery, I designated, as a committee to prepare an appropriate memorial tribute to the life and death of our late beloved Frater, Right Eminent Sir Knight Fry, for presentation at this Grand Conclave: V. Em. Sir Henry W. Rugg, R. Em. Sir George H. Allen, V. Em. Sir George E. Hilton.

Within the month the winged messenger of Death has again invaded the ranks of our Past Grand Officers, and taken from among us a reverend Sir Knight whom we all highly esteemed.

Em. Sir Rev. P. VORHEES FINCH, Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Past Eminent Commander of Connecticut Valley Commandery, died in New York city, May 3d, 1901.

Rev. Sir Knight Finch was Worshipful Master of Republican Lodge at the time of his death. He had been High Priest of Franklin R. A. Chapter, T. I. Master of Titus Strong Council of R. & S. Masters, and Eminent Commander of

Connecticut Valley Commandery, all of Greenfield. Of this Grand Commandery he was Grand Prelate for two successive years, in 1891 and 1892.

He served in the civil war as chaplain of the 16th Connecticut Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg. He was greatly loved by the old soldiers of Franklin county.

What better can be said of him than to quote from an obituary which appeared in the daily press:

> "The death of Rev. Mr. Finch hits people of every class and condition hard. He had been doing kind acts and performing works of love all his life, and there is genuine sorrow. Almost invariably he was the clergyman in time of need for those without church affiliation. His charity in the best sense was unlimited. The world is better because of his living."

Knowing that it would not only be your wish, for among us he could count many, many warm personal friends, but also that it would be specially pleasing to the Fraters who know him more intimately in his own vineyard, to have a more extended notice appear on record, I have appointed, as a committee to prepare a memorial tribute, with the request that they report at this Conclave: Em. Sir Franklin E. Snow, Em. Sir Dana Malone, Em. Sir Warren M. King.

The reverend Frater having filled an elective office, I thought it not only appropriate but due his services and memory to announce his death in General Orders No. 6, as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R.·. E.·. GRAND COMMANDER,
BOSTON, MASS., May 21, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6. }
SERIES OF 1900-1901. }

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, the several Subordinate Commanderies, and to all Knights Templars within our Jurisdiction:*

SIR KNIGHTS:—Again we are called to mourn the loss of a true follower of the Cross.

"Death, like an overflowing stream,
Sweeps us away; our life's a dream;
An empty tale; a morning flower,
Cut down and withered in an hour."

On Friday, May 3, 1901, after a short illness, our beloved Frater,

EMINENT SIR REV. P. VORHEES FINCH,

PAST GRAND PRELATE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,

entered peacefully into his rest, in the city of New York.

He was an honored citizen and a devoted friend. He possessed a vigorous and keenly perceptive mind, enriched by culture, adorned with a poetic imagination and artistic tastes. The brilliancy of his conversation, the readiness and wealth of knowledge, gave him a social charm in general society that was much admired.

His sympathies were easily and strongly aroused in behalf of the suffering and those whom he loved; he was firm as adamant in his support of what he deemed right, and in his opposition of that which he held to be wrong.

He was ardently attached to the friends whom he had proved, and his attachment to them grew with his years; his unswerving fidelity and confidence in them were marked features of his character.

As our beloved brother lived, so had he died—bravely and well; like a true and valiant soldier of the Cross, he calmly awaited the approach of the dark messenger, and, in full possession of his mental faculties to the last, went to his eternal reward.

He needs no eulogy of words, no monument of marble to keep his memory green. It is imbedded in the hearts of those who remain. In his life's conduct and conversation he was daily in himself a eulogy on the principles of Freemasonry. No stain or demerit came to it caused by any act of his. He was a true friend and Mason, who knit himself with hooks of steel into the affections of all who knew him.

The Masonic record of our Em. Sir Knight was as follows:

Made a Mason in Frederick Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 14, Plainfield, Conn., 1862; joined Republican Lodge, Greenfield, Mass., 1864; exalted in Franklin Chapter, R. A. M., 1864; received the degrees in Titus Strong Council, R. & S. M., 1864; Knighted in Connecticut Valley Commandery of Greenfield, Mass., March 19, 1867. He was Worshipful Master in Republican Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Greenfield, Mass., at the time of his death; P. M. E. High Priest of Franklin R. A. Chapter; P. T. I. Master of Titus Strong Council, R. & S. Masters; P. Em. Commander of Connecticut Valley Commandery, serving in 1885; Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1891 and 1892.

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"Dear Brother and Sir Knight, we part for a little season, but we shall remember your life, follow your example, and do our duty as becomes men and Masons. While life remains, your sturdy manhood, your warm friendship, your Christain life and noble example, will abide with us."

"How sweet a life was his, how sweet a death.
Living, to wing with mirth the weary hours,
Or with his genial tales the heart to cheer.
Dying, to leave a memory like the heath
Of summer, full of sunshine and of flowers."

As a tribute of respect to our beloved Frater, it is hereby ordered: That the banners, jewels, and altars of this Grand Commandery be draped in mourning for ninety days, and that similar mourning be worn on the jewels, banners, and altars of each subordinate Commandery for a like period; and that this order be read at the head of the lines in each body at the next regular Conclave after its receipt and be spread in full upon the records.

[SEAL.] WINTHROP MESSENGER,
*Grand Commander.*

Attest:
B. W. Rowell,
*Grand Recorder.*

## NECROLOGY.

Since last we met in Annual Conclave, other well-beloved members of this Grand Commandery have ceased from toil and sorrow, and gone before us, whose vacant places we contemplate with saddened hearts.

It is meet that we should place on record some mention of them, though necessarily brief, that those who survive may know something of the usefulness of their lives.

Eminent Sir William D. Poole, Past Grand Standard Bearer of this Grand Commandery, and Past Commander of Olivet Commandery, of Lynn, died at his home in that city, the place of his birth, February 28th, 1901, aged 64.

As a Mason he was raised in Mt. Carmel Lodge, December 7th, 1857, and was its Worshipful Master in 1884.

He was exalted in Sutton R. A. Chapter, and was a charter member of Zebulon Council R. and S. Masters.

The Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in Olivet Commandery, of Lynn. Of the Commandery he was Eminent Commander in 1874 and 1875, and its Prelate from 1878 to 1890.

Of the Grand Commandery he was Grand Standard Bearer in 1875 and 1876. He was a member of all the bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Boston, N. M. J.

Eminent Sir Knight Poole was a modest and unassuming gentlemen, never seeking self-aggrandizement, nor attempting to assume conspicuous place, but was always ready, in quiet and dignified way, to perform every duty that devolved upon him. His presence will be sadly missed at the Conclaves of Olivet Commandery.

Em. Sir Arthur E. Codding, Past Grand Lecturer of the Grand Commandery, and Past Commander of Bristol Commandery, of North Attleboro, died suddenly at his home in that town, December 22d, 1900, at the age of 42.

As a man of business, he was esteemed for his sterling integrity and financial ability. At the time of his death he was town treasurer, a position which he had filled, for over thirteen years, to the eminent satisfaction of his townsmen.

He was raised in Bristol Lodge, North Attleboro, September 4th, 1886, and was its Worshipful Master in 1877 and 1878. Was exalted in Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, Foxboro, Mass., August 31, 1871, becoming a charter member of King Hiram R. A. Chapter, of Attleboro, and in 1895 and 1896 was its M. E. High Priest.

Of Attleboro Council Royal and Select Masters he was a member, and its Chaplain at the time of his death.

He was Knighted in Bristol Commandery, North Attleboro, February 23rd, 1872, and was its Eminent Commander in 1880–81 and 82, and later, from 1889 to 1897 was its Prelate.

Of the Grand Commandery he was appointed Grand Lecturer in 1896.

Be it in Lodge, Chapter, Council, or Commandery, his rendition of the ritualistic work was singularly earnest and impressive. Quiet, modest, and retiring by nature, he fulfilled every duty in the same quiet though most effective manner.

> "He leaves behind him, freed from grief and years,
> Far worthier things than tears,
> The love of friends, without a single foe."

Em. Sir Joseph W. Whiton, Past Commander of Cœur de Lion Commandery, of Charlestown, Mass , born in that section of Boston, February 22d, 1845, died at his home in Somerville, December 9th, 1900.

At the early age of sixteen he enlisted and served his country for three years, during the civil war, with honor and credit.

He was made a Master Mason in Faith Lodge, Charlestown District, January 13th, 1882, and was its Worshipful Master in 1892 and '93. Exalted in Signet Royal Arch Chapter April 27th, 1882, he also received the Cryptic degrees in Orient Council, of Somerville, May 1st, 1889.

In Cœur de Lion Commandery, Charlestown District, he was Knighted June 20th, 1882, and was its Eminent Commander in 1896 and 1897.

Em. Sir Whiton was a man excellently well informed, a good citizen, and an active, zealous, and efficient worker in Freemasonry. He was always courteous and affable, firm in his convictions of right, and enjoyed the respect and love of all his associates.

Em. Sir Charles C. Dame, Past Commander of Boston Commandery, was born in Kittery, Maine, June 5th, 1819, and died at his home in Newburyport, January 19th, 1901.

Em. Sir Knight Dame was a self-made man. At the age of eleven he began to earn his own living, and while a lad on a farm, gave his spare time to study, laying the foundation for the profession followed in his early manhood, that of a school teacher.

In 1859, he was admitted to the Suffolk bar, and later to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Under Presidents Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, and Arthur, he was a collector of internal revenue. He also served Newburyport as its mayor, and the State of Massachusetts as a member of its senate.

He was raised in Revere Lodge, Boston, December 1st, 1857, and was its Worshipful Master in 1860, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in 1865–66, and 67. Exalted in St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, April 19th, 1858, he was its High Priest in 1860 and '61, and Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts in 1862.

The Cryptic degrees he received in Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1859.

He was created a Knight Templar in Boston Commandery, October 8th, 1858, and was its Eminent Commander for the year beginning October, 1866.

Of Hugh de Payens Commandery, of Melrose, he was Eminent Commander in 1865, while working under dispensation.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he received all the degrees in 1862; was Illustrious Commander in Chief of Massachusetts Consistory in 1863 and 1864. He was made an honorary member of the Supreme Council 33, N. M. J., May 23d, 1863, and was crowned an active member September 23d, 1897. He was the Illustrious Deputy of the Supreme Council for Massachusetts, from 1897 to 1900.

In all the stations of life, Em. Sir Knight Dame was called to fill, he proved faithful and true.

He was a worthy and exemplary Mason, a courteous Sir Knight, and an honorable gentleman.

Em. Sir Henry R. Barker, Past Commander of Calvary Commandery, of Providence, R. I., died suddenly at his home in that city March 17th, 1901, age 59 years.

Educated in the public schools of his native city, after graduating from the high school he engaged with the Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in the service and management of which company (having been its president since 1885) he passed his entire business life, excepting a few months in 1862 when he was in the United States service as a non-commissioned officer in the Tenth R. I. Volunteers.

Being skilled in large affairs, a born administrator, and of the strictest integrity, his services were sought in the management of many important business enterprises, and as a director and member of the executive committee of the Industrial Trust Company, director of the National Eagle Bank, The Providence Telephone Company, and the Narragansett Electric Lighting Company, president of the Roger Williams Savings and Loan Association, and vice-president of the Old Colony Co-operative Bank, he showed marked ability.

He served the city of Providence in the common council in 1873 and to the end of 1879, the last year as president; as alderman in 1880, '81, and '82, the last year as president of the board. In 1889 and 1890 he was mayor of the city, and in 1897 and 1898 a representative of the city of Providence in the General Assembly of Rhode Island.

His Masonic record shows that he was raised in Saint John's Lodge, of Providence, December 3d, 1862. In 1868 he dimitted to and became a charter member of Corinthian Lodge, and its Worshipful Master in 1871 and 1873.

In Providence Royal Arch Chapter he was exalted July 6th, 1866, and was Knighted in Calvary Commandery March 4th, 1879, and elected and installed Eminent Commander December 4th, 1888.

He was also a member of all the bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N. M. J., in the Valley of Providence.

Independent in thought and action, loyal to every duty, Eminent Sir Knight Barker will be remembered as a distinguished citizen, an upright business man, and a true Knight.

Em. Sir George W. Kingman, Past Commander of Saint Omer Commandery, of South Boston, died after a brief illness, at his home in South Boston, May 3d, 1901.

He was born in Boston, August 26th, 1831, and educated in its public schools. The trade of a sailmaker he learned of the firm of which his father was the senior member. Later becoming the junior member of the firm, he finally succeeded to the ownership of the business and conducted it for several years.

Em. Sir Knight Kingman was raised in Gate of the Temple Lodge, South Boston, July 25th, 1865. In 1869 he dimitted to Rabboni Lodge and was one of its charter members. Of Rabboni Lodge he was elected Worshipful Master, December 9th, 1873, and was an honorary member of the Lodge at the time of his death.

Exalted in St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter, December 4th, 1868, he held several minor offices therein. He was a member of the Committee on Charity from 1887 until death closed his labors.

Knighted in Saint Omer Commandery, February 15th, 1869, he was its Eminent Commander during the year 1880–81, and of the Commandery he was a life member.

He was a man of decided opinions, not afraid to speak his mind, yet open to conviction, genial and sympathetic, and of sterling integrity. An ardent lover of the Masonic Fraternity, he made himself familiar with the rituals of the several degrees through which he had passed, and was an efficient helper to his less informed brethren. He took especial interest in the Templar Orders, and to the rehearsals and conclaves of his Commandery he was an almost constant attendant.

From sister Grand Jurisdictions memorial tributes in honor of their illustrious dead, too often remind us that another valiant and magnanimous Knight has joined the "Great Majority."

The following Em. Sir Knights of sister jurisdictions have passed away during the past six months, and I have written a brief obituary of each:

Em. Sir John Warren Laflin, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin for seventeen years, died at his home in Milwaukee, Wis., August 30th, 1900, aged 55 years.

He commenced his Masonic career soon after becoming of a lawful age, and the history of his magnificent life is closely interwoven into every thread and fiber of the history of Masonry in Wisconsin. He died well fitted for the priestly crown of Knighthood.

Em. Sir BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TEMPLETON, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, died at his home in Zanesville, Ohio, October 2nd, 1900, at the age of 35 years.

He was a man highly esteemed, not only as a successful physician, but as a conscientious, upright, Christian gentleman.

In the Masonic Fraternity he had been active, efficient, and faithful, as is evidenced by the official positions held in the craft during his ten years of Masonic life.

R. Em. Sir WILLIAM HARBRON TURNER, Senior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, who not only aided in the formation of that Grand Body, but served as its first Grand Recorder during 1857–8–9, and as Grand Commander in 1863, was laid to rest with Templar honors, in Chicago, by Apollo Commandery, of which he was a member, November 14, 1900, aged 72 years.

He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1851, and had ever been an active worker in the Fraternity. He died full of honors as of years.

Em. Sir BENJAMIN F. NELSON, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, was summoned to the eternal asylum, from his home in St. Louis, Missouri, November 21st, 1900, at the age of 59 years.

His honorable record shows years of active work in the interest of the Masonic Fraternity, as an executive and presiding officer. "A Christian gentlemen and honored citizen, one of earth's noblemen has entered into rest."

Em. Sir H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, died at his home in Auburn, Alabama, December 17th, 1900, aged 60 years.

His Masonic identity dates from 1865, and he adorned with credit the first station in his Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Of the Grand Lodge of Alabama he was Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; and of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, he was the recording officer at the time of his death.

He had been elected speaker of the house of representatives of Alabama, member of the State senate, and State superintendent of education, and consul general of the United States at Rio Janeiro, filling all stations to which he was called with signal ability.

"Though he is dead, yet will he ever live in the hearts of his Brethren, Companions, and Fraters."

Em. Sir MOSES SAWIN ADAMS, Past Grand Prelate, and one of the pioneers of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, died in Canon City, Colorado, December 25th, 1900, aged 74 years.

Em. Sir Knight Adams did valiant service for the craft in his adopted State, having, among other official positions, filled that of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas for two terms, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for nine years, Grand High Priest one year, and Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery one year.

He served with honor in the Union army during the civil war, and was twice speaker of the Kansas house of representatives.

R. Em. Sir HASKELL C. CLARK, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, departed this life January 16th, 1901, at Kankakee, Ill., in his 59th year.

R. Em. Sir Knight Clark was a native of Boston, Mass. In his youth he left Harvard University to enter the Union army as a volunteer, in which by "meritorious service, gallantry, and courage," he, by successive promotions, attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

His business life was one of energy and activity. At the time of his death he was mayor of the city of his adoption.

His Masonic career was both distinguished and honorable. In the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Illinois he had filled the highest stations with dignity and ability. He will be badly missed and sincerely mourned.

Right Eminent Sir James Francis Aglair, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, born in Boston, Mass., November 5, 1836, died at home in St. Louis, Mo., January 24, 1901.

Early in life he settled in St. Louis, where he held many important and responsible positions.

He was a zealous and active worker in the field of Freemasonry. Of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, in 1868 and 1869, he was Grand Commander, and was the chairman of the General Committee of Arrangement in preparing for the entertainment of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at the fifteenth Triennial Conclave, held in the city of St. Louis in 1868, on which occasion was inaugurated the assembling of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies throughout the United States.

Em. Sir Rev. John C. Carpenter, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Texas, died at Sherman, Texas, February 3d, 1901, aged 84 years.

Always an active Mason, he had held the highest office in the gift of the Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery. In the Grand Commandery of Louisiana he served as Grand Prelate ten years, and in the Grand Commandery of Texas, approaching twenty years.

In his death the Grand Commandery of Texas lost a Knightly and chivalrous son, as beloved and loving man as ever encouraged a falling Brother or brightened the smile of a fellow mortal.

Both by precept and example he taught the doctrine that "God is love."

R. Em. Sir Fritz H. Twitchell, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, of Maine, died in Augusta, Me., February 4th, 1901, aged 45.

R. Em. Sir Knight Twitchell graduated from the high school of Portland, the city of his birth, and later became a resident of Bath, Me., where he was interested in many manufacturing corporations. He took great interest in politics, serving the common council of Bath from 1883 to 1890, four years as its president; the succeeding two years he was mayor of the city, then for two years a representative to the legislature, and in 1898 a member of the governor's council.

He was a great lover of Masonry, and a zealous and proficient worker. He was raised April 4th, 1877, in the Ancient Landmark Lodge, exalted in Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter March 18th, 1878, and Knighted in Portland Commandery May 16th, 1878, all of Portland, Me. In 1880 he dimitted to Dunlap Commandery, of Bath, and was its Eminent Commander in 1889 and 1890. In 1897 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N. M. J., he was a member of Maine Consistory, and had attained the thirty-second grade.

Our deceased Frater was of a genial and versatile temperament, having great capabilities, possessing many pleasing social qualities.

R. Em. Sir John W. Paul one of the Senior Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, was "called home" March 3d, 1901, aged 83 years.

Sir Knight Paul was made a Mason in 1853, and, following faithful service in Lodge and Chapter as presiding officer and as Prelate of Clark Commandery, he in 1866 became Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. He was also Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge for two years.

"The foundation of his character was laid deep and broad and strong, resting on the truths revealed in the 'Great Lights of Masonry' and all the eternal verities."

Em. Sir Daniel Calkins, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, departed this life at his home in East Lyme, Conn., March 25th, 1901.

His Masonic career had been an honorable one to himself and useful to the Fraternity. He was made a Mason in 1853, and was a member of all the bodies in the York and Scottish Rites.

From 1866 to 1873 he was an officer in the Grand Commandery, being elected Grand Commander for the latter year.

He was a practicing physician, and that he enjoyed the full confidence of the people is evinced by the various positions of trust, in their gift, to which he was elected or appointed.

Em. Sir JOSEPH WILSON, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, died at his home in Washington, Indiana, March 27th, 1901, of which city he was mayor at the time of his death.

This distinction, together with the fact that he was a member of the Chicago World's Fair Commission, from Indiana, evidences the trust and confidence reposed in him by the State and city of his adoption.

R. Em. Sir ALBERT D. WINFIELD, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, died at his home in Paterson, N. J., April 10th, 1901.

R. Em. Sir Knight Winfield was one of the brightest lights of New Jersey Templarism, and in his death there disappeared from the ranks of its Past Grand Commanders a conspicuous and striking figure.

R. Em. Sir CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, the oldest Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, died, after a brief illness, in Bloomsburg, Pa., April 11th, 1901, aged 78 years.

He was made a Master Mason in November, 1851, and thereafter was especially honored with many of the highest offices in the gift of the Fraternity. In 1860 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

He was an active worker, and had held many offices in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N. M. J. In 1870 he received the 33d grade, and was crowned an active member in 1872, and in 1879 he resigned therefrom to honorary membership.

He was a man universally beloved and respected by his Brethren, enjoying their confidence and esteem; and as a zealous and upright Mason he faithfully served them.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

Under date of November 5th, 1900, I caused to be published General Orders No. 1, announcing the assignment of Commanderies to the Grand Officers for inspection, as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
MELROSE, MASS.,

P. O. Address, 388 Washington St., Boston, Mass.,
Nov. 5, 1900.

GENERAL ORDERS,
SERIES OF 1900-1901.
No. 1.

The several Commanderies within this jurisdiction are assigned for official visitation and inspection, as follows:

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| To V. Em. Sir GEORGE E. HILTON, Deputy Grand Commander, | Springfield, No. 6.<br>De Molay, No. 7.<br>Joseph Warren, No. 26.<br>Ivanhoe, No. 46. |
| To Em. Sir GEORGE H. KENYON, Em. Grand Generalissimo, | Natick, No. 33.<br>Gethsemane, No. 35.<br>Beauseant, No. 41.<br>Cambridge, No. 42. |
| To Em. Sir FREEMAN C. HERSEY, Em. Grand Captain-General, | Boston, No. 2.<br>Worcester County, No. 5.<br>St. Omer, No. 21.<br>Trinity, No. 32. |
| To Em. Sir DANA J. FLANDERS, Em. Grand Senior Warden, | St. John's, No. 1.<br>Newburyport, No. 3.<br>Washington, No. 4.<br>Connecticut Valley, No. 23. |
| To Em. Sir EDWIN A. BLODGETT, Em. Grand Junior Warden, | Holy Sepulchre, No. 8.<br>Pilgrim, No. 9.<br>Bristol, No. 29.<br>Cyprus, No. 39. |
| To Em. Sir E. BENTLEY YOUNG, Em. Grand Standard Bearer, | Milford, No. 11.<br>Haverhill, No. 14.<br>Old Colony, No. 15.<br>Wm. Parkman, No. 28. |

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| To Em. Sir CHARLES I. LITCHFIELD,<br>Em. Grand Sword Bearer, | Palestine, No. 10.<br>Bethany, No. 17.<br>Berkshire, No. 22.<br>Narragansett, No. 27. |
| To Em Sir JOHN D. MONROE,<br>Em. Grand Warder, | St. Bernard, No. 12.<br>Calvary, No. 13.<br>Olivet, No. 36. |
| To Em. Sir CHARLES E. PIERCE,<br>Em. Grand Captain of Guards, | Athol, No. 37.<br>St. George, No. 44.<br>Orange, No. 45. |
| To Em. Sir CHARLES A. PEABODY,<br>Em. Grand Lecturer, | Sutton, No. 16.<br>Jerusalem, No. 19.<br>Bay State, No. 38. |
| To Em. Sir THOMAS J. EVANS,<br>Em. Grand Lecturer, | Winslow Lewis, No. 18.<br>Hugh de Payens, No. 20.<br>Cœur de Lion, No. 34. |
| To Em. Sir A. FRANK WELCH,<br>Em. Grand Lecturer, | Northampton, No. 30.<br>St. Paul, No. 40.<br>Bethlehem, No. 43. |
| To Em. Sir WALTER W. BURNHAM,<br>Em. Grand Lecturer, | Woonsocket, No. 24.<br>Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25.<br>South Shore, No. 31. |

The Eminent Commander of each Commandery will be prepared to furnish such information as will enable the inspecting officer to fill out the inspection blanks received from the office of the Grand Recorder. As far as possible, the work on the evening of the inspections will be the conferring the orders upon one candidate. Each inspecting officer will be furnished by the Grand Recorder with two inspection blanks for each Commandery assigned him for inspection, and he is requested to fill them out and send one copy to the Grand Recorder, and one to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, with a detailed report of each inspection, before September 1, 1901.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander requests that the Eminent Commander of each Commandery in this jurisdiction send a notice of each Conclave to him, and also the Grand Recorder, and to the inspecting officer assigned to said Commandery, during this Templar year.

This order will be read at the head of each Commandery at the first Conclave after its receipt.

[SEAL.]

WINTHROP MESSENGER,
*Grand Commander.*

Attest:
B. W. ROWELL,
*Grand Recorder.*

Your Grand Commander is informed that, under the provisions of General Orders No. 1, each of the Commanderies named has been inspected with the exception of two, and that the inspection of these two will take place before the summer vacation.

The reports of the inspecting officers thus far received are very encouraging.

The inspection of Milford Commandery, assigned to Em. Sir E. Bentley Young, Grand Standard Bearer, was made by R. Em. Sir Herbert F. Morse, Past Grand Commander; that of Cyprus Commandery, assigned to Em. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett, Grand Lecturer, by Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Captain-General; while the inspection of both Godfrey de Bouillon and Woonsocket Commanderies, assigned to Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Grand Lecturer, was made by Em. Sir Frank T. Pearce, Past Commander of St. John's Commandery.

The change of the inspecting officer in each instance was occasioned by illness, and made with my knowledge and consent. My thanks are due to the Sir Knights named, who each quickly and cheerfully responded in the emergency.

### RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT.

At the Annual Conclave in October last, I took pleasure in re-appointing, as a Grand Lecturer, Eminent Sir Heman J. Pettengill, Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, but who, because of absence from the State by reason of business. was not present, and hence was not installed into office.

Eminent Sir Knight Pettengill was pleased to accept the appointment, but later, under date of December 12th, 1900, he felt forced to send a letter of regret, he writing that changes in business necessitated his removal to New York city, and that he found it impossible to accept appointment as Grand Lecturer for the ensuing year.

The resignation was accepted with regret on my part, for Em. Sir Knight Pettengill had proved himself to be a very efficient and painstaking officer.

To fill the void thus created, I, under date of December 14th, 1900, appointed, as Grand Lecturer, Em. Sir A. Frank Welch, Past Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery, and notified Northampton, St. Paul, and Bethlehem Commanderies, to whose inspection Em. Sir Knight Pettengill had been assigned as inspecting officer, that Em. Sir Knight Welch had been detailed to that service.

### INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

In the acceptance and fulfillment of commissions issued by me, the following named Grand Officers, not present at the Annual Conclave in November last, and who had then been appointed by me, and one since appointed, have been duly installed.

Grand Captain of Guards Em. Sir Charles A. Pierce, Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery, was publicly installed in the Asylum of William Parkman Commandery, on the evening of November 8th, 1900, by Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Captain-General, after publicly installing its officers, and for whom, on said occasion, Em. Sir Knight Pierce acted as Grand Warder.

Grand Lecturer Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Past Commander of St. John's Commandery, was installed by R. Em. Sir George H. Burnham, within the Asylum of said Commandery, at its Stated Conclave held November 8th, 1900.

Grand Lecturer Em. Sir A. Frank Welch, Past Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery, appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the declination of Em. Sir Heman J. Pettengill, was installed within the Asylum of Winslow Lewis Commandery, by Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Captain-General, at its Conclave on December 20th, 1900.

In each instance due return was made by the installing officer reporting the execution of the, no doubt, pleasing duties confided to them.

### CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Christmas Observance on the part of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States having by circular letter invited the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction to join in the Christmas sentiment to our Most Eminent Grand Master, as in said letter proposed, and knowing that the Sir Knights would heartily respond, I issued General Order No 2, which reads:

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
388 Washington Street, BOSTON.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 2.
SERIES OF 1900-1901.

*To all Knights Templars within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery:*

The Committee on Christmas Observance of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America has prepared the following toast:

> To our Most Eminent Grand Master, Reuben Hedley Lloyd:
> A merry Christmas, and may the coming century fulfill the golden promise of peace on earth and good-will toward men.

The Grand Master sends the following response:

> TEMPLARS:—I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. When all keep the new commandment of our Redeemer the golden promise will be fulfilled. You are obligated to labor unremittingly to bring to pass that perfection of man's moral and intellectual development. In the Gospel of St. John, XIII chapter, 34th verse, you will find the new commandment.

The committee requests "all true Templars and their friends, wherever dispersed, on land or sea, to join in these sentiments on Tuesday, December 25, A. D. 1900, A. O. 782, at noon, Eastern standard time.

In the joyousness of our approaching Christmas day let all the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, as a mark of their respect and love for the Most Eminent Grand Master, join with the Grand Commander in sending these greetings to M. E. Sir Reuben Hedley Lloyd, wishing him a merry Christmas.

It is ordered that this order be read at the head of each Commandery at, and borne upon the notice of, the Stated Conclave next preceding December 25, A. D. 1900, A. O. 782.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of

Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, this 28th day of November, A. D. 1900, A. O. 782.

[SEAL.] WINTHROP MESSENGER,
*Grand Commander.*

Attest:
B. W. ROWELL,
*Grand Recorder.*

It is gratifying to note that the Commanderies, generally, complied with the letter and spirit of the order. They not only sent their Knightly greetings to the Grand Master, but thoughtfully included your Grand Commander in the sentiments proposed while gathered about the Christmas board.

If the highly gratifying expressions and Knightly sentiments fitting to the day and the occasion sent to me in letters and telegrams is evidence, and they surely are, and their good wishes are realized, nothing but success and prosperity can obtain to the Grand Commandery and to our beloved Order.

To each sentiment received as Grand Commander, I made prompt response, and with heartfelt thanks reciprocated the Knightly greetings extended.

### ROSTER AND RETURNS.

I also directed the Grand Recorder to issue Circular No. 1, dated November 1st, 1900, giving a roster of the Grand Officers, and a table of consolidated returns of the Subordinate Commanderies during the year, previous to October 1st.

### EASTER SUNDAY.

Having received requests from several Commanderies for a dispensation to attend in uniform religious services on Easter Sunday, and believing that such public manifestation of our faith was for the best good of the Order, I published General Orders No. 3, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
388 Washington Street, BOSTON.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3.
SERIES OF 1900-1901.

*To all Knights Templars within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery:*

It having become the custom with many of the Commanderies to attend, in uniform, religious services on Easter Sunday, I hereby grant this my dispensation, authorizing the several Commanderies within this jurisdiction to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners, but without music, on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1901, for the purpose of attending Easter services.

This order will be read at the head of each Commandery at the first Conclave after its receipt, and spread upon the records.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, this seventh day of March, A. O. 783, A. D. 1901.

[SEAL.] WINTHROP MESSENGER,
*Grand Commander.*

Attest:
B. W. ROWELL,
*Grand Recorder.*

### THE TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

Before we come together at the next Annual Conclave, the Twenty-eighth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, which is to be holden in Louisville, Ky., the last week in August, will have become a matter of history.

While from my observation there does not appear to exist among the Sir Knights of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction as much enthusiasm about going to Louisville as has been noticed on previous similar occasions, I am glad to note that arrangements are being perfected by some of our Commanderies to make the pilgrimage under their own banners, while others, I am informed, will combine together, as they may mutually agree, for the same purpose.

Hugh de Payens Commandery, of Melrose, Em. Sir Harry

Hunt Commander, the Commandery of which I am a member and over which I have had the honor to preside, has tendered your Grand Commander and the officers and members of the Grand Commandery its service as an escort to the Falls City, which has been accepted.

I will not anticipate the report of your Triennial Committee, which is in order at this Conclave. I do, however, venture the hope that every member of this Grand Commandery, possessing the right to vote in the Grand Encampment, will be present during all its sessions and to the end.

The death of R. E. Sir Knight Fry having made a vacancy in the Committee on the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, I appointed, to fill the vacancy, R. E. Sir James Swords.

The committee is now composed of R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule, Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, R. E. Sir Winthrop Messenger, R. E. Sir James Swords.

### WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

From Right Eminent Sir Charles H. Armitage, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, under date of November 27th, 1900, was received a courteous request for a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of Columbian Commandery No. 1, of New York City, over a Companion, a resident of that city the past two years, who is a member of Worcester Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Worcester R. A. Chapter, of Worcester, Mass., but whose petition for the Order of Knighthood he understood had been rejected by Worcester County Commandery.

I immediately addressed the Eminent Commander of Worcester County Commandery, transmitting the request, and at the Stated Conclave of the Commandery held December 6th, the request for a waiver in favor of Columbian Commandery was presented. Under the rules it laid over until the Conclave of January 3rd, when it was acted upon, and, by ballot, the request was refused.

Of this action, R. E. Grand Commander Armitage was duly informed.

Springfield Commandery.—Em. Sir Thomas C. Hawkes, its Commander, on January 23d, 1901, stated that a Companion had petitioned for the orders in Springfield Commandery, he being a sojourner, having lived in Springfield less than six months, and requested that I forward an application for waiver of jurisdiction, through the Grand Commander of Maine, to Lewiston Commandery of Lewiston, Maine.

The request I complied with by forwarding the application to R. Em. Sir Albert M. Spear, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, asking his kind attention.

Later, it appearing that a waiver should also be obtained of Saint John's Commandery of Bangor, Maine, in favor of the said Companion, a like request, made of Grand Commander Spear to obtain it, was cheerfully complied with.

Both "waivers" were in due time granted and forwarded to Springfield Commandery.

### DECISIONS.

I have received written requests for several decisions during the past six months, among which may be noted the following:

My decision was requested on a question, which, condensed, is thus presented.

An objection had been made to a petitioner for the orders, the petitioner having previously been duly elected.

The objector, it is claimed, was not a Mason in good standing, according to Section 1, Title XXXV, of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, he having dimitted from his Lodge, January 18th, 1897, and was, when the decision was asked, unaffiliated.

Had the objector a right to object?

My reply was:

"If the Commandery has no official information that the objector is deprived of membership by the operation of Section 1, Title XXXV, Code of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and he has been and is now carried on the books of the Commandery as a member, and has been permitted unquestioned, and without objection, to exercise the rights of membership, it is my opinion that his objection is sufficient to prevent the petitioner objected to from receiving the orders."

I was officially asked what further proceeding was necessary than to request permission, which had been done, of the Encampment of Saint John, of St. John, N. B., to confer the orders of the Temple and Malta upon a Companion, temporarily residing in New Bedford, who had received the order of the Red Cross in said Encampment? I replied:

"If the Encampment of Saint John requests you to confer the order upon the Companion, you can do so, otherwise you cannot."

The Guards of a Commandery not being present at the installation of the officers at the Annual Conclave, the question was asked, would it be necessary to install them and to make mention of such intended installation on the notices of the Conclave? I replied, in effect:

"Your Guards must be installed. It may be done by the Eminent Commander at any Conclave, and does not require published notice."

By what right, I was asked, can the orders of Knighthood be conferred on a Companion in a sister Grand Jurisdiction, said Companion being a legal resident of this jurisdiction, consent not having been obtained?

I replied that, in my opinion, the orders could not under such conditions be legally conferred, or without violating Section 4, Article IV, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

What is the present status, asks an Eminent Commander, of a Companion, a rejected petitioner for the orders in this jurisdiction, in whose favor a release of jurisdiction had been requested by a Commandery in New York, the Companion having there taken up his permanent residence, which request had been, by ballot, refused?

I replied that "under the law of the Grand Encampment, the rejected Companion, after being a resident in New York city for three years from the date of his petition and rejection in this jurisdiction, is at liberty to make petition there."

This, in accordance with Section 4, Title XXIX of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

I was asked if it was absolutely required by Templar law that the names of all candidates for the orders should be published before being balloted on?

I answered by referring to paragraph 7, title "Candidates," on page 39 of the Resolves, Decisions, Etc., of the Grand Commandery, which reads: "The names of all candidates for ballot shall be borne upon the notice of the Conclave at which action is intended."

Decision was asked, in the matter of a petitioner for the orders who has been rejected, when, if ever, is he eligible as a petitioner to another Commandery, both Commanderies having concurrent jurisdiction?

To this I replied that no ruling was necessary, the question being already settled by written law: *vide* Code of the Grand Encampment Title XXIX, Section 4, and to page 46, title "Jurisdiction," paragraph 1, 4, 5, 6 on page 46 of the Resolves, Decisions, Etc., of the Grand Commandery.

### DISPENSATIONS.

Saint Omer Commandery.—From Em. Sir Thomas F. Christian, Commander, and his associates in the Council of Saint Omer Commandery, I received, under date of December 29th, 1900, a request for a dispensation permitting the Commandery to move its headquarters to Upham's Corner, Dorchester, in accordance with the majority vote passed in Regular Conclave November 19th, 1900, the accompanying papers showing that 59 voted for and 44 against removal.

Under date of January 5th, 1901, I granted a dispensation, "authorizing Saint Omer Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templars, now situated at South Boston, Mass., to remove its headquarters or usual place of meeting to Dorchester in the part called Upham's Corner, in accordance with the vote of Saint Omer Commandery at the Conclave held November 19th, 1900, with this proviso, 'that the granting of this dispensation shall in no way affect the lines of jurisdiction as now established.'"

Under a later date, I was officially informed that a motion to reconsider the vote under authority of which the dispensation was asked was made and acted upon (notice of the intention to move such reconsideration having been published in the call for the Conclave) at the Conclave of December 17th. There were by count, 108 present; 54 Sir Knights voted in favor and 54 Sir Knights voted against a reconsideration. The Eminent Commander, who had not been counted by the Senior Warden, decided the question by voting in the negative, and declared the motion not carried.

This dispensation, together with the documents not made a part of this address, I would respectfully submit for consideration and report.

To Newburyport Commandery, November 5th, 1900, "to elect a Junior Warden to fill a vacancy caused by the declination to serve of the Junior Warden elect."

To Cambridge Commandery, November 14th, 1900, "to receive petitions for the orders at its Special Conclave, November 20th, 1900, to be balloted for at its Stated Conclave, December 5th, 1900, good and sufficient cause having been shown."

To Connecticut Valley Commandery, January 7th, 1901, I granted a dispensation authorizing its Sir Knights "to appear in regalia at a ball to be given by the Masonic Fraternity of Greenfield, Mass., on the evening of January 17th, 1901."

To Springfield Commandery, April 5th 1901, to parade with banners and music June 18th and 19th, 1901, for the purpose of escorting Columbian Commandery, No. 4, of Norwich, Conn., on the occasion of the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Springfield Commandery.

To Saint Omer Commandery, April 5th, 1901, "to hold a Special Conclave April 27th, 1901, for the purpose of receiving petitions for the Order of Knighthood." Also April 24th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners, on Sunday, May 19th, 1901, for the purpose of attending divine services at the Hawes Unitarian Church, South Boston."

To Palestine Commandery, May 7th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and without music, on Sunday, May 26th, 1901, for the purpose of escorting Robert Lash Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in attending divine service in the Bellingham M. E. Church of Chelsea."

To Orange Commandery, May 14th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and without music, on Sunday, May 19, 1901, for the purpose of attending divine services at the First Universalist Church of Orange."

To Joseph Warren Commandery, May 10th, 1901, "to parade in public on Wednesday, May 15th, for the purpose of attending Ascension service at the First Universalist Church, Roxbury."

To South Shore Commandery, May 21, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners, but without music, on Sunday, June 9th, 1901, and with banners and music on Monday, June 10th, for the purpose of attending the centennial celebration of Rural Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Quincy, Mass."

To Columbian Commandery, No. 4, of Norwich, Conn., May 22nd, 1901, at the request of R. Em. Sir Albert S. Comstock, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, "to enter the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as the guests of Springfield Commandery, on the occasion of the celebration of the latter's seventy-fifth anniversary."

### DISPENSATION REFUSED.

Haverhill Commandery.—To its Commander, Eminent Sir William L. Smart, I declined, under date of December 28th, 1900, to grant a dispensation shortening the time required between the receipt of a petition for the orders and the ballot on the same, being prevented from granting the request by the decision confirmed by this Grand Commandery at its last Annual Conclave.

### FROM A GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

From V. Em. Sir E. W. Wellington, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, I received a letter dated March 21st, 1901, informing me that the Annual

Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Kansas would be held in the city of Selina, May 14th, and saying that he would be glad to present any matters I might have to suggest, of interest to both Grand Jurisdictions.

I replied, under date of April 5th, that though I did not then have in mind anything of special interest to present, I did wish to express my pleasure at the evident interest he displayed as our Grand Representative; I also transmitting through him, as such Grand Representative, the compliments and felicitations of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Commandery of Kansas, and with it our sincere wishes that success and victory may ever continue to perch upon its banners.

### THE MASSACHUSETTS UNION OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS COMMANDERS.

From the Massachusetts Union of Knights Templars Commanders, through its President, Em. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, I am in receipt of one of the original badges of that organization, presented to it at the celebration of its twentieth anniversary, April 25th last, by Em. Sir J. Francis Lotts, one of the twelve founders and the first President of the Union. By unanimous vote of the members, the badge was presented to the Grand Commandery for preservation in its archives.

Knowing that it had been decided to hold the May meeting of the Massachusetts Union of Knights Templars Commanders at Roger Williams Park in this city, on the evening of the day on which this Semi-annual Conclave was announced to be held, I took pleasure in requesting the Secretary of the Commanders Union, Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, in publishing the call for the meeting, to extend a cordial and Knightly invitation to the Fraters from sister Grand Jurisdictions, members of the Union, of whom there are thirty, who might wish to attend the meeting of the Union in the evening, to be present at this Semi-annual Conclave and accept the hospitalities of the Grand Commandery.

To those Sir Knights who have honored us by an acceptance of that invitation, a hearty welcome is extended; and I sincerely trust that the visit will be to them one of pleasant memories.

Sir Knights:—I am at the meridian of my service as the official head of this historic and justly distinguished organization. Here the indelible past and prospective future unite; here memory and hope mingle.

Accept my deepest and sincerest acknowledgments for the uniform courtesy, kindness, and aid which has thus far attended me; and permit me to trust that I may be worthy of their continuance in equal measure.

Ours is a glorious Order. Its precious inheritance is ours to enjoy, to keep, to transmit. Its best inspiration is for us; its highest honor is in our keeping. We are its living exemplars; its representatives. In our charge may no jewel be lost from its crown, no stain rest on its shining blade, and no taint come to its banner.

Congratulating you upon the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, I commend you to your labors in the full confidence that whatever legislation may be required at your hands at this Conclave will tend to add strength and usefulness to, and promote the best interests of, this Grand Body and of the Commanderies and Sir Knights of its obedience.

Courteously submitted,

WINTHROP MESSENGER,

*Grand Commander.*

On motion of R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg it was voted:

*Voted*, That so much of the address of the Grand Commander as relates to decisions, dispensations, and waiver of jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to the 28th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States be referred to the committee on same.

That the remainder of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following special committee:

R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders, R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

*To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

The Committee on By-Laws recommend for approval, without change, the amendments to the by-laws of Natick Commandery, No. 33, and of Joseph Warren Commandery, No. 26, herewith submitted, which have been examined by the committee and found to conform to the requirements of this Grand Commandery and of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE,
FRANK W. MEAD,
HARRY HUNT,
*Committee on By-Laws.*

On motion the report was accepted and approved.

## REPORT AND RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON 28TH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Committee on Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Louisville, Ky., in 1901, submitted the following resolution, which was, on motion and by unanimous vote, agreed to:

*Resolved*, That $75.00 be allowed from the treasury of the Grand Commandery to each member of the Grand Encampment, from this jurisdiction, attending the Conclave to be held at Louisville, Ky., in August, 1901 (provided that this shall not apply to those representatives who are officers of the Grand Encampment and receive mileage and per diem from the Grand Encampment), and that the further sum of $2,500 be and is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Conclave Committee appointed at the Annual Conclave in this Grand Commandery in October, 1898.

And it is further provided that all unexpended balances of the aforesaid $2,500 shall be paid over to the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Commandery.

Respectfully,

WM. H. H. SOULE,
JAMES SWORDS,
BENJ. W. ROWELL,
WINTHROP MESSENGER.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

*To Grand Commandery:*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the address delivered by the Grand Commander (Morse) at the Annual Conclave in October last, relating to dispensations and decisions, respectfully report thereon as follows:

### DISPENSATIONS.

Twenty-seven were granted during the period from the semi-annual in May last to the annual in October. The most of these were granted for the usual purposes, viz.:

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| To parade as escort to a Lodge at the laying of a corner-stone | 1 |
| To parade for Templar visits and excursions | 7 |
| To parade for the reception and entertainment of visiting Commanderies | 4 |
| To leave the jurisdiction, permission from the proper authorities to enter another being first obtained | 5 |
| To permit foreign Commanderies to enter the jurisdiction. | 2 |
| To parade in observance of Saint John's day | 2 |
| To permit a Commandery to hold a public installation of its officers outside of its Asylum | 1 |
| To enable a Commandery to elect its officers; this is a singular case; the day for holding the stated Conclaves of this Commandery is the Friday on or before the full moon in each month; there was no such day in December, 1900 | 1 |

We recommend that his action respecting the above be approved.

As to the others, three were granted to permit balloting for candidates at Special Conclaves; one of these shortened the time of balloting, but not to a less time than two weeks.

As action was taken by Grand Commandery at its last Annual Conclave which prohibits the granting of such dispensations in the future, these need not be considered; but they are mentioned principally for the purpose of calling attention to the fact that the power does not now exist to grant dispensation to ballot for candidates at a Special Conclave. (Pro. 1900, pp. 124, 126.)

One dispensation was granted to permit ballot to be taken on the applications of those not at the time members of a Chapter.......................................... 1

These petitions were received from persons who were not at the time R. A. Masons, though they expected soon to be; but the proceeding was irregular on the part of the Commandery, and in direct violation of the law which declares that each applicant shall state over his own signature that he is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of a Chapter. Either the Commandery or the applicants knew that these applications contained two misstatements, or that they were not in proper form to be received, though it is not probable that there was intent to violate the law; but it should be understood that these requirements are to be complied with and are not mere technicalities.

The committee have no recommendation to make respecting this proceeding except that the law regarding applications be strictly enforced, but considered it to be their duty to call the attention of Grand Commandery to this incident in order that, through lack of notice thereof, a troublesome precedent may not be established.

### DECISIONS.

There are no decisions reported in the address under review.

### INSPECTIONS.

Respecting the matter of inspections referred to in the address, with request that it be considered by this committee, we report that we are of opinion that the methods now in use are satisfactory, in that they as at present conducted give to the Grand Commandery all necessary information regarding the condition and management of the Commanderies; if special information is desired by the R. E. Grand Commander concerning any of these matters, it is within his province to require it; but cast iron legislation on points of detail in local affairs, in the opinion of the committee, is neither necessary nor desirable.

GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
CHAS. A. STOTT,
ROBERT H. CHAMBERLAIN.
*Committee.*

PROVIDENCE, May 24, 1901.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the matter therein contained approved.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL ADDRESS OF 1900, OF R. E. SIR HERBERT F. MORSE.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
PROVIDENCE, May 24, 1901.

The undersigned, a special committee to which was referred "the remainder of the address" of the R. E. Grand Commander, Herbert F. Morse, delivered at the Annual Conclave held in Boston, October 31, 1900, presents the following report:

Your committee, after a careful perusal of the address, find that all the suggestions requiring action by this Grand Commandery were specifically assigned; and, while much of interest attaches to the subject-matter contained in the remaining portion, there is nothing therein which seems to call for particular mention.

Courteously submitted,

HENRY W. RUGG,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
WILLIAM H. H. SOULE.

## ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THIS GRAND COMMANDERY.

Em. Sir Edmund B. Cowles of Boston, formerly Past Commander of St. Elmo Commandery, K. T., of Meriden, Conn., and formerly a member of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, now a member of St. Bernard Commandery of Boston, Mass., proposed by R. E. Sir James Swords, was, upon ballot, elected to membership.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF CYPRUS COMMANDERY FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OVER WALPOLE.

*To Grand Commandery:*

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Cyprus Commandery, praying that it may be granted concurrent jurisdiction with Natick Commandery over the town of Walpole, respectfully report as follows: That pursuant to the order of Grand Commandery the parties interested in the above matter were notified to, and did, appear before the committee on the 16th of the current month, and were heard upon the same.

The petitioner asks this on the ground that it will be more convenient for parties residing in Walpole, who have, or may desire, Commandery membership, to go to Cyprus rather than to Natick Commandery, the distance being about the same, but claim is made that the means of travel, saving of time, etc., is in favor of Cyprus.

This is opposed by Natick Commandery on the ground that no territory can be taken from it without injury; that, while it occupies a comparatively large space on the map, its jurisdiction is composed mostly of rural towns; and that the part of its population likely to ask Commandery membership is much less than in the populous towns which compose that of Cyprus Commandery; and for these and other reasons Natick Commandery objects to the prayer of the petition being granted.

In considering this matter it may be well to review some of the proceedings relating to the jurisdiction of the several Commanderies.

When the subject was before the Grand Commandery a copy of the report of the committee was sent to every Commandery in the whole jurisdiction with request that the same be carefully examined by each one with reference to the territory allotted to itself, and that report be made to the committee whether or not it was satisfactory (it being the aim of the committee to disturb the lines of the several jurisdictions as theretofore enjoyed as little as possible), and if satisfactory to so state; if not, to state wherein change was desired; and in case of conflicting claims or desires, to give hearings thereon.

From Cyprus Commandery and from Natick Commandery came replies that the lines laid down in the report respecting the jurisdiction of the two Commanderies were satisfactory, that no change was desired and no hearing wanted thereon.

The report of the Committee on Jurisdictions was unanimously adopted by Grand Commandery, and at its Annual Conclave in October last was incorporated into its constitution, and the jurisdiction of Cyprus and of Natick Commanderies stands to-day as then established and declared by them to be satisfactory.

The committee find that Cyprus Commandery has a membership of two hundred and forty-eight according to its last return, and that Natick has one hundred and eighty-two. The former had a net gain of eight the past year, and the latter three.

The committee, after a careful consideration of all these matters, are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted, and therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
B. W. ROWELL,
*Committee.*

The report of the committee was, on vote, accepted, and the recommendation therein contained adopted and approved.

## MEMORIAL TO R. E. SIR CHARLES C. FRY.

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

In accordance with the request of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Winthrop Messenger, the committee appointed to prepare a suitable tribute of respect to the memory of our esteemed and lamented Brother, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Sir Charles Coffin Fry, submit the following:

The commemorative word is a sad yet sacred duty. When the beloved associate is called hence, his Brethren may well honor the memory of the departed by fitting eulogy and the expression of fraternal remembrance and regard. In this presence it is, therefore, eminently proper to make reference to the life which touched ours so closely, and which was so helpful

"That by his loss alone we knew its worth,
And feel how true a man has walked with us on earth."

Sir Knight Fry, after a brief illness, died at his home in Lynn, Massachusetts, March 21, 1901. Lynn was his life-long residence, he having been born there May 31, 1842. He was educated in its public schools. Shortly after graduating from the high school, he entered a shoe manufacturing establishment to learn that business. He continued in this line of industry until 1875, in which year he was elected auditor of the city of Lynn. After serving in this office with marked ability for two years, he was elected city marshal. He held this office in 1877 and 1878, and discharged its duties with signal energy and efficiency.

In 1880 he was elected clerk and treasurer of the Lynn Gas and Electric Company, in which responsible office he was continued until his death. He was still, however, the public-spirited citizen whose able service was often sought in civic affairs. He had been a member of both branches of the city council, and he was president of the board of aldermen when he died.

General Fry served not only the best interests of his city, but also the State and the nation. He enlisted in his country's defence at the beginning of the civil war, in the Eighth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. In 1865 he connected himself with the Massachusetts State Militia, retiring therefrom in 1897 with the rank of brigadier-general. His devotion to his country and to duty were alike conspicuous.

Our distinguished Frater sought always to uphold the institution of Freemasonry by precept and example. He thoroughly believed in the power and permanence of the Masonic organization and the Templar Order, and in all the bodies where he held membership exerted a wide influence of good.

The history of his Masonic and Templar life contains the following milestones:

Charles C. Fry was raised in Mount Carmel Lodge, Lynn, March 11, 1872, and served as its Master in 1876 and 1877.

He received the Chapter degrees in Sutton Royal Arch Chapter, June 19, 1872.

He was one of the first members to be Knighted in Olivet Commandery, of Lynn, May 28, 1873, and was its Eminent Commander in 1882 and 1883.

He entered upon the long term of his official service in this Grand Commandery as Grand Warder in October, 1887, being advanced from year to year until he was chosen Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave of 1893. In all these offices he showed characteristic ability and faithfulness. In his official visits, as inspecting officer and otherwise, he rendered a valuable service, receiving a cordial welcome on such occasions that indicated the high estimate in which he was held both as a well-informed Knight Templar and a courteous gentleman.

As Grand Commander, he made evident the same qualities which had conspicuously marked each step of his Templar career. He never shirked responsibility; he dignified the high office which he held; and so intelligently administered the affairs of the Grand Commandery as to augment its usefulness and enhance his own reputation. His official addresses were comprehensive and practical, bearing witness to his knowledge of the Templar law and his acquaintance with the purposes and principles of the Order.

He was chairman of this Grand Commandery's Committee of Arrangements for the Triennial of 1901, and was actively interested in the preparations for the near-approaching Conclave at Louisville, whose fraternal delights he had anticipated, and where he had hoped to meet the many Templar acquaintances and friends who are now bereft of his faithful fellowship.

The departed Sir Knight was deservedly prominent and popular in the Massachusetts Union of Knights Templars Commanders, of which organization he was president during the years 1897 and 1898.

In the Scottish Rite he had attained the thirty-third degree, and was an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He had held office in various Scottish Rite bodies, where his talents and zeal were alike attested. Here, as in all the departments of legitimate Masonry and Templary, he showed his deep and constant attachment to the institutions which he so worthily represented.

Our honored Brother was a steadfast friend, a congenial companion, well-informed upon the subjects of the day, interesting in conversation, fond of travel, generous in his sympathies, and genuine in the expression of a noble personality. He was prompt, methodical, and accurate in details of work, whether along the lines of civic, military, Masonic, or Templar procedure. He was a man of quiet, modest demeanor, but of positive thought and strong determinations. Thus he won respect from all who were associated with him in social, business, and fraternal relations. He will long be remembered for his manifold excellencies of character, and for the usefulness of his life. "His face, his form, his deeds, will ever live in hearts appreciative and full."

The funeral services of Sir Knight Fry were held in the First Universalist Church, Lynn, March 25, 1901, and were under the auspices of Olivet Commandery. Representatives of this Grand Commandery were among the large number of citizens, military associates, Sir Knights and Brethren, assembled at the funeral to testify of their respect for the deceased.

So is laid away the form of one who was allied to us by the bonds of friendship and fraternal association. We know that "death is only a process in the path of life," and that the Brother we miss from human companionship

"Lives a life that never dies,
In enlarging paradise."

And, while we mourn our loss, we are profoundly grateful for the life-work of one so worthy and so true; grateful for what he was, and for what he did in behalf of our noble institution, and to promote the welfare of humanity.

"This was a man: God send us more!"

HENRY W. RUGG,
GEORGE E. HILTON,
GEORGE H. ALLEN,
} *Committee.*

R. E. Sir Charles E. Stott, in a most eloquent speech, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of our departed Frater, and moved the adoption of the memorial, which was carried by rising vote.

## MEMORIAL TO EM. SIR P. VOORHEES FINCH, PAST GRAND PRELATE.

Peter Voorhees Finch,

Born in Shrewsbury, N. J., March 19th, 1835.

Died in New York City, May 3d, 1901.

In the death of Past Grand Prelate and Eminent Sir Peter Voorhees Finch, we are called upon to mourn the loss of one who has long stood as an honored patriarch in the Church and the Masonic Fraternity.

He held a deservedly high rank as a churchman, while his reputation as a zealous and devoted Mason and Knight Templar was none the less assured.

He was privileged to live a long and useful life and to die in the fullness of years, leaving to numerous friends the blessed remembrance of his beautiful character and his valuable services for truth and humanity.

He was the son of an Espicopal minister, and was born in the rectory of Christ Church, at Shrewsbury, N. J., March 19th, 1835. At the age of nineteen he graduated from Burlington College, N. J. In 1859 he graduated from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York.

He was ordained the same year as a deacon in Trinity Church, N. Y., and as a priest by Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, July 3d, 1860. In 1863 he enlisted as chaplain of the 16th Connecticut Volunteers, and saw active service in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg.

In 1864 he assumed the rectorship of St. James Episcopal Church, at Greenfield, Mass., and, with the exception of the years 1872 to 1879, until the time of his death he continued as pastor and adviser of this parish, covering a period of nearly thirty-four years.

He was prominent in town affairs, holding for years the office of member of the school board, and by the charm of his genial and kindly ways endeared himself to teachers and scholars alike.

He was an ardent and accomplished Freemason. He never wavered in the support of the Institution, with which he became connected in 1864, having been made a Master Mason in Frederick Lodge, No. 14, F. & A. M., in Plainfield, Connecticut.

Shortly after his removal to Greenfield, Mass., he was made a member of Republican Lodge, F. & A. M., joining by dimit. He was Worshipful Master of the Lodge at the time of his death, and his loss to the Lodge seems almost irreparable. He was a Companion of Franklin Royal Arch Chapter, having been exalted 1864, and was its M. E. H. P. in 1881 and 1882. He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Titus Strong Council, May 16th, 1864, and was its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1888, 1889, and 1890. He was dubbed a Knight Templar in Connecticut Valley Commandery, No. 23, March 19th, 1867, and was its first Prelate, an office he held for years with marked ability. He was its Eminent Commander in 1885–6. He was Grand Prelate of this Grand Commandery during the years 1891–2. He served as Committee on Foreign Correspondence from October, 1891 to October, 1894. Thus ended his Masonic record.

The duties of each office he discharged with distinguished ability and promptness.

The most striking feature of his character was that of sincerity. He was always real and transparent; without affectation; genuine. At the foundation of his character were the fundamental virtues of integrity, a sense of justice, a love of truth, honesty, a keen sense of duty, and a sensitive conscience.

He was a true Mason, a cordial, confiding, generous Brother.

His sterling integrity and frank cordiality gained the respect, and his kindliness of heart won the affection, of all.

Death seldom seals a life more varied in its usefulness, more beautiful in its purposes, and more restful in its faith.

Is it therefore strange that we should repeat the scripture?

"This man after he had served his generation, by the grace of God, fell asleep."

Courteously submitted,

FRANKLIN E. SNOW,
WARREN M. KING,
DANA MALONE,
*Committee.*

This memorial was also adopted by rising vote.

## RESOLUTION BY R. E. SIR WILLIAM R. WALKER.

R. E. Sir William R. Walker offered the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That if circumstances should require, that the Treasurer of the Grand Commandery be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to comply with the recommendations adopted in the report of the Committee on Triennial.

## ROLL CALL.

The roll of Commanderies was called, and the following responded as being present and represented at the Conclave:

| Name of Commandery. | No. | Location. |
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| St. John's | 1 | Providence, R. I. |
| Boston | 2 | Boston, Mass. |
| Washington | 4 | Newport, R. I. |
| Worcester County | 5 | Worcester, Mass. |
| Springfield | 6 | Springfield, Mass. |
| De Molay | 7 | Boston, Mass. |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | Pawtucket, R. I. |
| Pilgrim | 9 | Lowell, Mass. |
| Palestine | 10 | Chelsea, Mass. |
| Milford | 11 | Milford, Mass. |
| St. Bernard | 12 | Boston, Mass. |
| Calvary | 13 | Providence, R. I. |
| Haverhill | 14 | Haverhill, Mass. |
| Old Colony | 15 | Abington, Mass. |
| Sutton | 16 | New Bedford, Mass. |
| Bethany | 17 | Lawrence, Mass. |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | Salem, Mass. |
| Jerusalem | 19 | Fitchburg, Mass. |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | Melrose, Mass. |
| St. Omer | 21 | South Boston, Mass. |
| Berkshire | 22 | Pittsfield, Mass. |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | Greenfield, Mass. |
| Woonsocket | 24 | Woonsocket, R. I. |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | Fall River, Mass. |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | Roxbury, Mass. |
| Narragansett | 27 | Westerly, R. I. |
| William Parkman | 28 | East Boston, Mass. |
| Bristol | 29 | North Attleboro, Mass. |
| South Shore | 31 | East Weymouth, Mass. |
| Trinity | 32 | Hudson, Mass. |
| Natick | 33 | Natick, Mass. |
| Cœur de Lion | 34 | Charlestown, Mass. |
| Gethsemane | 35 | Newtonville, Mass. |
| Olivet | 36 | Lynn, Mass. |
| Athol | 37 | Athol, Mass. |
| Bay State | 38 | Brockton, Mass. |
| Cyprus | 39 | Hyde Park, Mass. |
| St. Paul | 40 | North Adams, Mass. |
| Beauseant | 41 | Malden, Mass. |
| Cambridge | 42 | Cambridge, Mass. |
| Bethlehem | 43 | Gloucester, Mass. |
| St. George | 44 | Beverly, Mass. |
| Orange | 45 | Orange, Mass. |

Em. Sir Edmund B. Cowles, elected to membership in this Grand Commandery this day, was presented to the R. E. Grand Commander, who welcomed him cordially.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DAY.

The Committee of the Day, through E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis, reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them, and that they had made arrangements to have dinner served at Field's Point, on the Providence river, that a steamboat had been chartered which would leave the dock at 1:15 o'clock P. M., and that tickets could be obtained of the Grand Recorder.

The business of the Conclave having been finished, this Ninety-Fifth Semi-Annual Conclave was declared adjourned.

Attest:

B. W. Rowell,
*Grand Recorder.*

## NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

OF THE

# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND

## APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

## MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island assembled in the Asylum (Corinthian Hall), in Masonic Temple, corner Tremont and Boylston streets, in the city of Boston, Mass., Wednesday, October 30th, A. D. 1901, A. O. 783, at 10:45 o'clock in the forenoon.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| R. E. Sir WINTHROP MESSENGER | Grand Commander. |
| V. E. Sir GEORGE E. HILTON | Deputy Grand Commander. |
| E. Sir GEORGE H. KENYON | Grand Generalissimo. |
| E. Sir FREEMAN C. HERSEY | Grand Captain-General. |

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| E. Sir Dana J. Flanders | Grand Senior Warden. |
| E. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett | Grand Junior Warden. |
| E. Sir James H. Upham | Grand Treasurer. |
| E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell | Grand Recorder. |
| E. Sir E. Bentley Young | Grand Standard Bearer. |
| E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| E. Sir John D. Monroe | Grand Warder. |
| E. Sir Charles E. Pierce | Grand Captain of Guards. |
| E. Sir Thomas J. Evans | Grand Lecturer. |
| E. Sir Charles A. Peabody | Grand Lecturer. |
| E. Sir N. Frank Welch | Grand Lecturer. |
| E. Sir Walter W. Burnham | Grand Lecturer. |
| E. Sir William E. Wilcox | Grand Sentinel. |

The Committee on Credentials reported that a constitutional number of subordinates was represented, whereupon the Grand Commander proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in ample form, assisted by the other Grand Officers and members present, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by E. Sir Rev. Oliver Ayer Roberts, Acting Grand Prelate, after which the R. E. Grand Commander declared the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island duly opened in ample form, and ready for the dispatch of business.

The roll of Commanderies was called, and all responded, as follows:

### ROLL-CALL.

| Commandery. | No. | Location. |
|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | Providence, R. I. |
| Boston | 2 | Boston, Mass. |
| Newburyport | 3 | Newburyport, Mass. |
| Washington | 4 | Newport, R. I. |
| Worcester County | 5 | Worcester, Mass. |
| Springfield | 6 | Springfield, Mass. |

| Commandery. | No. | Location. |
|---|---|---|
| De Molay | 7 | Boston, Mass. |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | Pawtucket, R. I. |
| Pilgrim | 9 | Lowell, Mass. |
| Palestine | 10 | Chelsea, Mass. |
| Milford | 11 | Milford, Mass. |
| St. Bernard | 12 | Boston, Mass. |
| Calvary | 13 | Providence, R. I. |
| Haverhill | 14 | Haverhill, Mass. |
| Old Colony | 15 | Abington, Mass. |
| Sutton | 16 | New Bedford, Mass. |
| Bethany | 17 | Lawrence, Mass. |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | Salem, Mass. |
| Jerusalem | 19 | Fitchburg, Mass. |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | Melrose, Mass. |
| St. Omer | 21 | South Boston, Mass. |
| Berkshire | 22 | Pittsfield, Mass. |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | Greenfield, Mass. |
| Woonsocket | 24 | Woonsocket, R. I. |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | Fall River, Mass. |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | Roxbury, Mass. |
| Narragansett | 27 | Westerly, R. I. |
| William Parkman | 28 | East Boston, Mass. |
| Bristol | 29 | North Attleboro, Mass. |
| Northampton | 30 | Northampton, Mass. |
| South Shore | 31 | East Weymouth. |
| Trinity | 32 | Hudson, Mass. |
| Natick | 33 | Natick, Mass. |
| Cœur de Lion | 34 | Charlestown, Mass. |
| Gethsemane | 35 | Newtonville, Mass. |
| Olivet | 36 | Lynn, Mass. |
| Athol | 37 | Athol, Mass. |
| Bay State | 38 | Brockton, Mass. |
| Cyprus | 39 | Hyde Park, Mass. |
| St. Paul | 40 | North Adams, Mass. |
| Beauseant | 41 | Malden, Mass. |
| Cambridge | 42 | Cambridge, Mass. |
| Bethlehem | 43 | Gloucester, Mass. |
| St. George | 44 | Beverly, Mass. |
| Orange | 45 | Orange, Mass. |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | Gardner, Mass. |

### PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT.

R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott,
R. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg,
R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain,
R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders,

R. E. Sir George H. Allen,
R. E. Sir William R. Walker,
R. E. Sir James Swords,
R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn,
R. E. Sir George H. Burnham,
R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule,
R. E. Sir Walter Cutting.
R. E. Sir George L. Shepley.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following as entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery.

Those marked with a (*) are recorded as being present at this Conclave.

Number registered, 231.

*St. John's Commandery, No. 1.*

E. C. Sir Henry A. Carpenter,
Gen'l. Sir J. Fred Parker,*
C. G. Sir Edwin G. Penniman,
E. Sir Stillman White,
E. Sir Spencer P. Read,
R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg,*
E. Sir Albert H. Cushman,
E. Sir Robert H. Dwelly,*
R. E. Sir George H. Burnham,*
E. Sir Newton D. Arnold,
E. Sir Walter B. Vincent,
E. Sir William E. Husband,
E. Sir George H. Rhodes,
E. Sir Alfred G. Pearce,
E. Sir Joseph O. Earle,
R. E. Sir George L. Shepley,*
E. Sir John Heathcote,*
E. Sir William H. Perry,
E. Sir Forrest A. Peck,
E. Sir George W. Pettis,
E. Sir Hunter C. White,
E. Sir Andrew B. Eddy,
E. Sir Horace S. Richardson,*
E. Sir Charles C. Newhall,
E. Sir Walter W. Burnham,*
E. Sir Frank T. Pierce,
E. Sir Edward M. Clarke,
E. Sir Andrew J. Ferguson.

*Boston Commandery, No. 2.*

E. C. Sir John H. Bowker,*
Gen'l. Sir R. B. Richardson,*
C. G. Sir Richard A. Atwood,
E. Sir John K. Hall,
E. Sir Henry Endicott,
R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence,
E. Sir James H. Upham,*
E. Sir J. Francis Lotts,
E. Sir Frederick T. Comee,
E. Sir James M. Gleason,*
E. Sir Eugene A. Holton,*
E. Sir Leonard B. Nichols,
E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield,*
E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield,*
E. Sir William B. Lawrence,
E. Sir J. Gilman Waite.*

*Newburyport Commandery, No. 3.*

E. C. Sir Benjamin J. Warton,*
Gen'l. Sir William A. Butler,*
C. G. Sir George G. Osgood,
E. Sir J. Willard Ballou,
E. Sir Orrin J. Gurney,
E. Sir William R. Johnson,*
E. Sir Moses H. Fowler,
E. Sir William P. Sanders,
E. Sir Oliver A. Roberts,*

E. Sir John C. Risteen,
E. Sir Green Davis,*
E. Sir Moses Brown,
E. Sir John R. McCusker,
E. Sir Charles F. Worthen,
E. Sir John F. Johnson,
E. Sir Thomas J. Huntee.

*Washington Commandery, No. 4.*

E. C. Sir Thomas J. Pierce,
Gen'l. Sir Joseph Gibson,
C. G. Sir Edward G. Hayward,
E. Sir William J. Underwood,
E. Sir David Stevens,
E. Sir Robert S. Franklin,*
E. Sir Overton J. Langley,
R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn,*
E. Sir John H. Wetherell,
E. Sir George E. Vernon,
E. Sir Joseph W. Sampson,
E. Sir Henry C. Stevens,
E. Sir William B. Scott,*
E. Sir Duncan McLean,
E. Sir Thatcher T. Bowler.

*Worcester County Commandery, No. 5.*

E. C. Sir Arthur H. Burton,*
Gen'l. Sir Charles F. Mann,
C. G. Sir William W. Johnson,*
E. Sir Henry Goddard,
E. Sir Thomas E. St. John,
E. Sir R. James Tatman,
R.E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain,*
E. Sir Francis A. Harrington,*
E. Sir George B. Buckingham,
E. Sir William A. Farnsworth,
E. Sir Charles A. Peabody,*
E. Sir A. Frank Gates,*
E. Sir Phineas L. Ryder,
E. Sir William L. Davis,*
E. Sir Robert W. Clifford,*

*Springfield Commandery, No. 6,*

E. C. Sir Thomas C. Hawks,*
Gen'l. Sir Charles W. Scott,
C. G. Sir Robert F. Warren,
E. Sir Albert H. Kirkham,
E. Sir Samuel B. Spooner,
E. Sir Charles C. Spellman,
E. Sir Orthello K. Merrill,
R. E. Sir Edward P. Chapin,
E. Sir Peter S. Bailey,
E. Sir Thomas T. Davee,
E. Sir Edmund P. Kendrick,
E. Sir George F. Adams,
E. Sir George A. Spooner,
E. Sir Henrie A. Prouty,
E. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett,*
E. Sir Samuel D. Sherwood.

*De Molay Commandery, No. 7.*

E. C. Sir Edward L. Rugg,*
Gen'l. Sir Oscar A. Shepard,*
C.G. Sir Hammond B. Hazelwood,*
E. Sir William F. Davis,*
E. Sir John M. Clark,
E. Sir Charles B. Lancaster,
E. Sir Joseph B. Mason,
E. Sir George T. Ambrose,*
E. Sir Henry G. Jordan,
E. Sir Frank T. Dwinell,
E. Sir William F. Chester,
E. Sir Charles H. Crane,*
E. Sir William B. Learned,
E. Sir Henry K. Dunton,
E. Sir Edwin B. Holmes,
E. Sir Frank W. Mead.*

*Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8.*

E. C. Sir John F. Oldham,*
Gen'l. Sir Elmer E. Lent,*
C. G. Sir Ferdinand Bray,*
E. Sir Henry A. Pierce,
R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman,

E. Sir George A. Sweet,
E. Sir James M. Bishop,
R. E. Sir William R. Walker,*
E. Sir Horatio A. Brown,
E. Sir Isaac Gill,
E. Sir George C. Stillman,
E. Sir Charles E. Harrison,
E. Sir Fred Taylor,
E. Sir Arthur B. Tyler,*
E. Sir S. Willard Thayer,
E. Sir John F. Clark,*
E. Sir Charles S. Foster,*
E. Sir Henry C. Dexter,*
E. Sir John F. Street.*

### *Pilgrim Commandery, No. 9.*

E. C. Sir Frank K. Stearns,
Fen'l. Sir Herbert C. Taft,
C. G. Sir James F. Savage,
E. Sir Samuel E. Sargent,
E. Sir Arthur G. Pollard,
R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott,*
R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson,
E. Sir Solon W. Stevens,
E. Sir Charles F. Young,*
E. Sir Charles H. Richardson,
E. Sir Edward J. Noyes,
E. Sir Frank L. Weaver,*
E. Sir Charles H. Hobson,*
E. Sir Thomas Walsh,*
E. Sir Walter W. Johnson,
E. Sir Henry Dunlap.

### *Palestine Commandery, No. 10.*

E. C. Sir Elmer L. French,*
Gen'l. Sir James Gould,
C. G. Sir Charles H. Faunce,
E. Sir Charles M. Avery,
E. Sir Daniel E. Chase,
E. Sir James Donaghy,
E. Sir James N. Greenwood,*
E. Sir James Tent,
E. Sir Philip G. Illsley,
E. Sir George F. Proctor,*
E. Sir William Robinson,*
E. Sir Samuel P. Tenney,
E. Sir John Strahan,
E. Sir Henry T. Holmes,
E. Sir Edward T. Tutein,
E. Sir William Martin,
E. Sir Theodore H. Buck.*

### *Milford Commandery, No. 11.*

E. C. Sir Arron H. Mayhew,*
Gen'l. Sir Lowell E. Fales,*
C. G. Sir Chester L. Clark,*
E. Sir George E. Stacy,*
E. Sir Sullivan C. Sumner,*
E. Sir William H. Phipps,
E. Sir James M. Wood,
E. Sir Charles W. Shippee,*
E. Sir Eben D. Bancroft,
E. Sir Alfred A. Burrill,*
E. Sir S. Alden Eastman,*
E. Sir Artemus B. Edmands,
E. Sir George S. Whitney,*
E. Sir Horace E. Whitney,
E. Sir Charles T. Wilkinson,
E. Sir De Forrest C. Morrison.*

### *Saint Bernard Commandery, No. 12.*

E. C. Sir James T. Soutter,
Gen'l. Sir Fred E. Jones,
C. G. Sir Charles B. Tower, †
E. Sir P. Adams Ames,
E. Sir Henry Mulliken,
E. Sir Charles A. Welch,
E. Sir Samuel Wells,
E. Sir John Kent,
E. Sir G. Frederick Hurd,
E. Sir Henry W. Hartwell,
E. Sir Thomas W. Davis,
E. Sir Thomas S. Spurr,
E. Sir Henry S. Rowe,*
E. Sir J. Foster Bush,

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† Present by proxy.

E. Sir Benjamin L. M. Tower,
E. Sir Reuben L. Roberts,
E. Sir Isaac H. Locke.*

### *Calvary Commandery, No. 13.*

E. C. Sir Joseph Baker, Jr.,*
Gen'l. Sir George H. Grant,*
C. G. Sir Roger G. Young,*
E. Sir Charles R. Dennis,*
E. Sir Henry C. Field,
R. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich,
E. Sir Eugene D. Burt,*
E. Sir Charles R. Brayton,
E. Sir Charles B. Webster,
E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew,*
E. Sir Horace K. Blanchard,
E. Sir Alvord O. Miles,
E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis,*
E. Sir George H. Kenyon,*
E. Sir Cyril A. Babcock,
E. Sir Albert L. Anthony,
E. Sir Horatio Rogers,
E. Sir Spencer B. Hopkins,
E. Sir Frank S. Congdon,
E. Sir Theodore V. Mattison,
E. Sir James E. Tillinghast,
E. Sir Frederick G. Stiles,
E. Sir Charles C. Mumford,
E. Sir Thomas L. Phillips,*
E. Sir Thomas W. Penney,
E. Sir Joseph H. Potter.*

### *Haverhill Commandery, No. 14.*

E. C. Sir William L. Smart,
Gen'l. Sir Horace I. Pinkham,*
C. G. Sir Charles W. Arnold,*
E. Sir Carlos P. Messer,
E. Sir Dexter B. Vickary,
E. Sir Dana J. Flanders,*
E. Sir George V. Ladd,
E. Sir Charles T. Chase,
E. Sir Charles C. Osgood,
E. Sir Edward A. Fitts,
E. Sir George E. Mitchell,*
E. Sir George L. Emerson,*
E. Sir Charles P. Sumner.

### *Old Colony Commandery, No. 15.*

E. C. Sir Ernest W. Calkins,*
Gen'l. Sir Charles S. Beal,†
C. G. Sir Charles F. Allen,*
E. Sir William W. Whitmarsh,
E. Sir A. Sumner Stetson,
E. Sir William H. Maine,
E. Sir Silas B. Dickerman,
E. Sir William H. Davis,
E. Sir Leonard B. Hatch,
E. Sir Jeremiah T. Richmond,*
E. Sir Horatio F. Copeland,
E. Sir David V. Poole,
E. Sir Frank E. Goddard.

### *Sutton Commandery, No. 16.*

E. C. Sir William Deacon,
Gen'l. Sir Elisha H. Fisher,*
C. G. Sir Stephen H. Taylor,*
E. Sir A. H. W. Carpenter,
E. Sir Gardner T. Sanford,
E. Sir Henry Field, Jr.,
E. Sir James Taylor,
E. Sir James L. Sherman,
E. Sir Theodore W. Cole,
E. Sir Isaac N. Marshall,
E. Sir Charles L. Kirby,
E. Sir Henry W. Mason,*
E. Sir William H. Waterman,*
E. Sir Zacheus C. Dunham.

### *Bethany Commandery, No. 17.*

E. C. Sir Harry L. Sherman,*
Gen'l. Sir George P. Low,
C. G. Sir Newton P. Frye,
E. Sir G. M. Stoddard,
R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders,*
E. Sir Thomas Leyland,

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† Present by proxy.

E. Sir Horatio G. Herrick,
E. Sir William Fisher,*
E. Sir Smith M. Decker,*
E. Sir Benjamin Andrew,
E. Sir Charles P. Morrill,
E. Sir W. M. Priest.

### *Winslow Lewis Commandery, No. 18.*

E. C. Sir Benjamin Cole, Jr.,
Gen'l. Sir Horace N. Smith,*
C. G. Sir Andrew J. Wilson,
E. Sir J. Albert Blake,*
E. Sir A. Frank Welch,*
E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey,*
E. Sir Oliver D. Way,*
E. Sir Thomas G. Pinnock,
E. Sir Ira Vaughn,
E. Sir Arthur T. Way.

### *Jerusalem Commandery, No. 19.*

E. C. Sir Edward D. Moody,*
Gen'l. Sir C. W. Bennett,*
C. G. Sir George H. Priest,
E. Sir James M. Blanchard,
E. Sir George E. Clifford,
E. Sir Sullivan W. Huntley,
E. Sir Nathaniel Jewett,*
E. Sir John W. Kimball,
E. Sir Charles A. Morgan,*
E. Sir Dwight S. Woodworth,
E. Sir David A. Corey,
E. Sir Joseph G. Edgerly,
E. Sir George V. Barrett,
E. Sir George S. Richardson,*
E. Sir Walter A. Davis.*

### *Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20.*

E. C. Sir Joseph A. Pierce,
Gen'l. Sir Charles M. Howe,
C. G. Sir Harry Stevens,
E. Sir Thomas Winship,
E. Sir Smith B. Harrington,*
E. Sir Edward B. Fairchild,
R. E. Sir James Swords,*
E. Sir Osgood Upham,
E. Sir Frank F. Preble,
R. E. Sir Winthrop Messenger,*
E. Sir Alonzo H. Smith,
E. Sir Elisha B. Sears,
E. Sir Heman J. Pettingill,*
E. Sir Harry Hunt.*

### *St. Omer Commandery, No. 21.*

E. C. Sir Thomas F. Christian,
Gen'l. Sir Fletcher K. Tirrell,*
C. G. Sir Charles C. Littlefield,*
E. Sir Francis C. Hersey,
E. Sir Jerome Smith,
R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule,*
E. Sir Charles J. Noyes,
E. Sir Charles E. Pierce,*
E. Sir Theodore L. Kelley,*
E. Sir Albert H. White,*
E. Sir David L. Hodges,
E. Sir Charles J. Miller,
E. Sir James Hill,*
E. Sir William H. Puffer,
E. Sir James A. Cook.*

### *Berkshire Commandery, No. 22.*

E. C. Sir Edgar T. Lawrence,
Gen'l. Sir H. Earl Henry,
C. G. Sir William D. MacInnes,
E. Sir Hezekiah S. Russell,
E. Sir Irving D. Ferry,
E. Sir Charles E. Merrill,
R. E. Sir Walter Cutting,*
E. Sir William E. Wilcox,*
E. Sir Theodore L. Allen,
E. Sir William T. Petherbridge,
E. Sir William G. Bachus,
E. Sir George H. Tucker,
E. Sir H. Neil Wilson,
E. Sir George W. Bailey,
E. Sir William P. Wood.

### *Connecticut Valley Commandery, No. 23.*

E. C. Sir Charles W. Schuler,*
Gen'l. Sir William B. Allen,
C. G. Sir Charles J. Fisk,
E. Sir William S. Severance,
E. Sir Charles E. Severance,
E. Sir Bowdoin S. Parker,*
E. Sir Marvin S. Fellows,
E. Sir Richard N. Oakman,
E. Sir Henry L. Miller,
E. Sir Charles W. Hazelton,
E. Sir Wyatt A. Fowler,
E. Sir Franklin E. Snow,*
E. Sir Dana J. Malone,*
E. Sir Eugene B. Blake,
E. Sir Enoch G. Best.

### *Woonsocket Commandery, No. 24.*

E. C. Sir Frank A. Cooke,*
Gen'l. Sir Frank H. Mills,*
C. G. Sir Walter S. Thayer,*
E. Sir Ira A. Arnold,
E. Sir Stafford W. Razee,
E. Sir Walter E. Parker,
E. Sir Francello C. Jillson,
E. Sir Stephen N. Lougee,
E. Sir Amos Sherman,
E. Sir Charles E. Thomas,
E. Sir Seth S. Getchell,
E. Sir Daniel W. Senior,
E. Sir Ambrose B. White,*
E. Sir Fred W. Arnold.*

### *Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, No. 25.*

E. C. Sir Herbert S. Weeden,
Gen'l. Sir Elmer B. Young,
C. G. Sir Samuel E. Hathaway,
E. Sir Robert Henry,
E. Sir George A. Ballard,
E. Sir Aifred H. Hartley,
E. Sir Albert F. Dow,
E. Sir Henry Waring,
E. Sir Robert N. Hathaway,
E. Sir Herbert Field,
E. Sir James E. McCreery,
E. Sir Judson C. MacKenzie,
E. Sir Abbott E. Slade,
E. Sir John D. Monroe,*
E. Sir John M. Davis,
E. Sir David J. Burdick.

### *Joseph Warren Commandery, No. 26.*

E. C. Sir Silas W. Brackett,*
Gen'l. Sir George A. Tainter,*
C. G. Sir S. Everett Tinkham,*
E. Sir William F. Davis,
E. Sir Samuel Little,
E. Sir John F. Newton,*
E. Sir Solomon A. Bolster,
E. Sir George H. Emerson,*
E. Sir John Carr,
E. Sir Frederick H. Spring,
R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse,*
E. Sir William G. Fish,
E. Sir E. Bentley Young,*
E. Sir Charles E. Draper,*
E. Sir Edwin S. Davis,*
E. Sir George A. Brackett.*

### *Narragansett Commandery, No. 27.*

E. C. Sir Charles M. Barbour,
Gen'l. Sir Thomas A. Barber,*
C. G. Sir John P. Christie,*
E. Sir George G. Stillman,*
E. Sir Azro N. Lewis,
E. Sir J. Alonzo Babcock,
E. Sir Alva A. Crandall,
E. Sir James W. Pollette,
E. Sir Albert H. Spicer,*
E. Sir Solomon C. Burdick,
E. Sir Charles W. Willard,
E. Sir Robert A. Mason,
E. Sir Walter S. Legate,
E. Sir Edward H. Babcock,*

E. Sir Dennison C. Hinckley,
E. Sir Archie C. Thompson,
E. Sir Charles F. Berry.

### *William Parkman Commandery, No. 28.*

E. C. Sir John W. Dicker,*
Gen'l. Charles E. Lindergreen,*
C.G. Sir Ellsworth C. Hathaway,*
E. Sir Albert B. Barrett,
E. Sir Erastus H. Doolittle,
E. Sir Albert C. Smith,
E. Sir Frank E. Sullivan,
E. Sir Thomas Kellough,*
E. Sir Richard Beeching,*
E. Sir James M. Simpson,
E. Sir Edward T. Pigeon,
E. Sir Martin Hancock,*
E. Sir Charles T. Witt,
E. Sir Edward G. Graves,
E. Sir Charles A. Estey.*

### *Bristol Commandery, No. 29.*

E. C. Sir Henry H. Curtis,
Gen'l. Sir William S. Metcalf,*
C. G. Sir E. P. Jewett,
E. Sir Daniel H. Smith,
E. Sir Thomas G. Sandland,
E. Sir Peter Nerney,
E. Sir Edward C. Martin,
E. Sir James A. Codding,
E. Sir Theodore B. Hazzard,*
E. Sir Owen B. Bestor,
E. Sir Alfred R. Crosby,
E. Sir George F. Sykes,
E. Sir Leo A. Heilborn.

### *Northampton Commandery, No. 30.*

E. C. Sir Eugene E. Davis,
Gen'l. Sir Charles H. Chase,*
C. G. Sir George R. Turner,
E. Sir Stephen B. Fuller,
E. Sir William B. Morgan,
E. Sir Lemuel B. Field,
E. Sir John A. Sullivan,
E. Sir Samuel W. Lee,
E. Sir Henry R. Chase,
E. Sir Lewis L. Campbell.

### *South Shore Commandery, No. 31.*

E. C. Sir Eben H. Cain,*
Gen'l. Sir Howard Poole,
C. G. Sir Francis A. Bicknell,
E. Sir William S. Wallace,*
E. Sir William Fearing, 2d,*
E. Sir Thomas H. Humphreys,
E. Sir George Cushing,
E. Sir Thomas J. Evans,*
E. Sir Frank H. Mason,*
E. Sir Francis A. Bicknell,
E. Sir David J. Pierce.*

### *Trinity Commandery, No. 32.*

E. C. Sir Freeman A. Morse,*
Gen'l. Sir Charles A. Bartlett,*
C. G. Sir Fred S. Rowell,*
E. Sir James L. Harriman,
E. Sir George B. Cochran,*
E. Sir James T. T. Joslin,
E. Sir J. Frank Child,*
E. Sir S. W. Hale,
E. Sir Joel M. Pettengill,
E. Sir Fred O. Welch,
E. Sir Stevens A. Holt,
E. Sir Adelbert M. Mossman,*
E. Sir Amory Maynard.*

### *Natick Commandery, No. 33.*

E. C. Sir Charles C. Henry,
Gen'l. Sir Frank A. Bean,
C. G. Sir Henry M. Ferguson,
E. Sir Elbridge F. Perry,
E. Sir Charles H. Child,
E. Sir Charles P. Knowlton,*
E. Sir Frank B. Tilton,
E. Sir William C. Bellam,

E. Sir William E. Rollins,
E. Sir Marcellus C. Cloudman,*
E. Sir James Downs,
E. Sir Frank B. Twitchell,
E. Sir John J. Van Valkenburgh,
E. Sir Williard W. Wight,
E. Sir S. W. Holmes,
E. Sir Frank E. Parlin,
E. Sir Arthur L. Jacobs,*
E. Sir William E. Chenery.

### *Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 34.*

E. C. Sir William H. Cushman,
Gen'l. Sir John H. Studley, Jr.,
C. G. Sir Frank Vose,*
E. Sir William Patterson,
E. Sir John B. Wilson,
E. Sir Joseph W. Hill,*
E. Sir William T. Rowe,
E. Sir Charles W. Sawyer,
E. Sir Charles O. Fox,*
E. Sir George F. Mullett,
E. Sir Joseph H. Whiton,
E. Sir Joel C. Bolan,
E. Sir Robert Duddy.

### *Gethsemane Commandery, No. 35.*

E. C. Sir Frank L. Nagle,*
Gen'l. Sir Edmond G. Pond,
C. G. W. F. Jarvis,*
E. Sir Moses Clark, Jr.,
E. Sir James B. Fuller,
E. Sir Henry J. Preston,
E. Sir Albert L. Harwood,
E. Sir Lewis E. Binney,*
E. Sir George T. Coppings,
E. Sir Rufus G. Brown,
E. Sir George Breeden,
E. Sir Frank K. Porter,
E. Sir Clarence Tebbets,
E. Sir Samuel Shaw.*

### *Olivet Commandery No. 36.*

E. C. Sir Frank P. Bubier,*
Gen'l. Sir Amos P. Chase,*
C. G. Sir C. J. Hilbrook,†
E. Sir John Shaw, 2d,
E. Sir Nathan B. Fletcher,
E Sir. George H. Allen,*
E. Sir J. Herbert Bowen,*
E. Sir John W. Blaney,
E. Sir Robert L. Almy,*
E. Sir John M. Vennard,*
E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell,*
E. Sir George E. Hilton,*
E. Sir Rufus E. Hillard,
E. Sir Charles A. Alley.

### *Athol Commandery, No. 37.*

E. C. Sir Will. S. Hinman,
Gen'l. Sir Cyrus M. Pierce,
C. G. Sir Frederick K. Lee,*
E. Sir James H. Waite,*
E. Sir Lucien Lord,
E. Sir Vernon O. Taylor,
E. Sir William T. Fish,
E. Sir William H. Heustis,
E. Sir George O. Foye,
E. Sir Othello A. Fay,
E. Sir George W. Bishop,*
E. Sir Henrie C. Fay,
E. Sir Charles H. Forbes,
E. Sir Sidney P. Smith,
E. Sir Edmund C. Shepardson,
E. Sir Henry W. Harris,
E. Sir Frank E. Wing,
E. Sir James F. Whitcomb,
E. Sir. Edgar V. Wilson.

### *Bay State Commandery, No. 38.*

E. C. Sir Myron L. Keith,*
Gen'l. Sir Wm. H. Emerson,*
C. G. Sir Albert Manley,*

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† Present by proxy.

E. Sir Edward Parker,
E. Sir Baalis Sanford,*
E. Sir Charles C. Bixby,
E. Sir Elmer W. Walker,
E. Sir A. Cranston Thompson,*
E. Sir Veranus Filoon,*
E. Sir Edward Powers,
E. Sir George P. Walker,
E. Sir David W. Battles,
E. Sir John A. Jackson,
E. Sir Francis E. Shaw.

*Cyprus Commandery, No. 39.*

E. C. Sir William H. Barrett,*
Gen'l. Sir Alexander G. Childs,
C. G. Sir Prince W. Taylor,*
E. Sir Gamaliel Hodges,*
E. Sir Henry S. Bunton,*
E. Sir George F. Lincoln,
E. Sir Melville P. Morrell,
E. Sir Henry N. Bates,
E. Sir George L. Lang,
E. Sir Albert G. Webb,*
E. Sir George Miles,*
E. Sir G. Walter Capen,
E. Sir Frank D. Brigham.*

*St. Paul Commandery, No. 40.*

E. C. Sir Edward M. Meekins,
Gen'l. Sir Fred W. Reed,
C. G. Sir Everett E. Reade,
E. Sir Daniel Upton,
E. Sir George F. Miller,
E. Sir Walter S. Carr,
E. Sir Hobert C. Tower,
E. Sir William Blythe.*

*Beauseant Commandery, No. 41.*

E. C. Sir Walter F. Medding,*
Gen'l. Sir Thomas P. Blake,*
C. G. Sir Frederick L. Putnam,*
E. Sir Frederick J. Foss,
E. Sir Charles L. Davenport,
E. Sir T. Frederic Martin,*
E. Sir Albert H. Davenport,
E. Sir Henry D. Wilder,*
E. Sir Jesse Cudworth,*
E. Sir Frederick T. Hawley,*
E. Sir George L. Griffin,
E. Sir Albert L. Decatur,*
E. Sir Edwin A. Kelley,*
E. Sir William J. Hobbs.*

*Cambridge Commandery, No. 42.*

E. C. Sir Charles H. Morse,
Gen'l Sir Warren P. Dudley,.
C. G. Sir R. W. Hillard,*
E. Sir Charles Harris,*
E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair,*
E. Sir Charles O. Welch,
E. Sir Charles M. Pear,*
E. Sir John G. Thorogood,*
E. Sir Francis L. Sawtell.

*Bethlehem Commandery, No. 43.*

E. C. Sir Conrad R. Hanson,*
Gen'l. Sir Fred A. Fisher,*
C. G. Sir George Morse,*
E. Sir Edgar S. Taft.*
E. Sir Edwin A. Bradley,
E. Sir David S. Presson,
E. Sir George A. Davis.

*St. George Commandery, No. 44.*

E. C. Sir Wallace P. Hood,
Gen'l. Sir William Stopford,
C. G. Sir L. L. Woodbury,*
E. Sir John B. Hill,*
E. Sir Edward L. Giddings,
E. Sir Clarence O. Hood,
E. Sir Samuel A. F. Whipple,
E. Sir Robert K. Sears,*
E. Sir John F. Hill.*

*Orange Commandery, No. 45.*

E. C. Sir Dexter L. Crandall,*
Gen'l. Sir Valorus A. Harrington,
C. G. Sir George A. Drake,
E. Sir Henry A. Powers,
E. Sir Warren M. King,
E. Sir George F. Smith.

*Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46.*

E. C. Sir Frank W. Smith,*
Gen'l. Sir Charles A. Cowee,
C. G. Sir George E. Walker,
E. Sir John D. Edgell,
E. Sir Arthur P. Derby.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HERBERT BOWEN,
FRANK H. MASON,
HENRY H. LITCHFIELD.

## COMMITTEE OF THE DAY.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that he had appointed Em. Sirs Eugene A. Holton and J. Gilman Waite, of No. 2, as a Committee of the Day, and that dinner would be served at one o'clock P. M., under their supervision.

## RECORDS OF THE NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

The records of the Annual Conclave of 1900 having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was by vote dispensed with, and the record as printed approved.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR 1901.

In Grand Commandery,
October 30, 1901.

*To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers, and Eminent Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following annual report of the transactions of his office.

### PROCEEDINGS.

Twenty days after the close of the Annual Conclave of 1900 the Proceedings were printed and distributed, as follows:

One copy was sent by mail to the address of each member of this Grand Commandery, viz.: six hundred and fifty-six copies.

One copy to each Recorder of the Subordinate Commanderies, viz.: forty-six copies.

Three copies to each Grand Recorder of sister Grand Commanderies, and three copies to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, viz.: one hundred and twenty-nine copies; also one copy to the public libraries of the State and nation, making a total of eight hundred and fifty copies.

The Proceedings of the Semi-Annual Conclave of 1901 have been printed and are ready for distribution at this Conclave.

### ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The annual returns of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the United States, together with the annual tax due from this Grand Commandery, amounting to $393.36, were forwarded to the Grand Recorder, Em. Sir William H. Mayo, May 10, 1901, and the receipt of the same has been duly acknowledged.

### RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

The annual returns of the Subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction were received in the order as shown in the following table, and all were received in the constitutional time, with the exception of Bay State, No. 38, and Bristol, No. 29:

### TABLE SHOWING THE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUBORDINATES.

| Order. | Commandery. | No. | Date of Receipt. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | De Molay | 7 | August 1, 1901. |
| 2 | South Shore | 31 | September 10, 1901. |
| 3 | Joseph Warren | 26 | “ 16, 1901. |
| 4 | Bethany | 17 | “ 20, 1901. |
| 5 | St. John's | 1 | “ 23, 1901. |
| 6 | Olivet | 36 | “ 25, 1901. |
| 7 | St. Omer | 21 | “ 25, 1901. |
| 8 | Pilgrim | 9 | “ 27, 1901. |
| 9 | Boston | 2 | “ 27, 1901. |
| 10 | William Parkman | 28 | “ 28, 1901. |
| 11 | Ivanhoe | 46 | “ 28, 1901. |
| 12 | Palestine | 10 | “ 30, 1901. |
| 13 | Hugh de Payens | 20 | “ 30, 1901. |
| 14 | Woonsocket | 24 | “ 30, 1901. |
| 15 | Cyprus | 39 | “ 30, 1901. |
| 16 | Milford | 11 | October 1, 1901. |
| 17 | Narragansett | 27 | “ 1, 1901. |
| 18 | Haverhill | 14 | “ 1, 1901. |
| 19 | Cœur de Lion | 34 | “ 1, 1901. |
| 20 | Bethlehem | 43 | “ 2, 1901. |
| 21 | Beauseant | 41 | “ 2, 1901. |
| 22 | Springfield | 6 | “ 2, 1901. |
| 23 | Worcester County | 5 | “ 2, 1901. |
| 24 | St. Paul | 40 | “ 2. 1901. |
| 25 | Cambridge | 42 | “ 2, 1901. |
| 26 | Calvary | 13 | “ 3, 1901. |
| 27 | Washington | 4 | “ 3, 1901. |
| 28 | St. George | 44 | “ 3, 1901. |
| 29 | Athol | 37 | “ 4, 1901. |
| 30 | Old Colony | 15 | “ 4, 1901. |
| 31 | Natick | 33 | “ 4, 1901. |
| 32 | Sutton | 16 | “ 5, 1901. |
| 33 | Orange | 45 | “ 5, 1901 |
| 34 | Jerusalem | 19 | “ 7, 1901. |

| ORDER. | COMMANDERY. | NO. | DATE OF RECEIPT. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | October 7, 1901. |
| 36 | Northampton | 30 | " 7, 1901. |
| 37 | Berkshire | 22 | " 8, 1901. |
| 38 | St. Bernard | 12 | " 8, 1901 |
| 39 | Newburyport | 3 | " 8, 1901. |
| 40 | Trinity | 32 | " 8, 1901. |
| 41 | Holy Sepulchre | 8 | " 9, 1901. |
| 42 | Winslow Lewis | 18 | " 10, 1901. |
| 43 | Connecticut Valley | 23 | " 10, 1901. |
| 44 | Gethsemane | 35 | " 10, 1901. |
| 45 | Bay State | 38 | " 11, 1901. |
| 46 | Bristol | 29 | " 12, 1901. |

The following tabulated statement is the work of the Templar year ending September 30, 1901, and shows the following results:

| *Gains.* | | *Losses.* | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Knighted | 697 | Dimitted | 118 |
| Affiliated | 36 | Died | 259 |
| Restored | 2 | Suspended | 101 |
| | | Expelled | 9 |
| Total gains | 735 | Total losses | 487 |

Making a net gain for the year of............ 248

The present membership is now.............. 13,368

The death rate has been the same as last year, viz.: .018 per cent.

From the following table it will be found that Commanderies have made gains and losses, viz.:

COMMANDERIES MAKING LOSSES.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Calvary, No. 13 | 16 | Northampton, No. 30 | 6 |
| Winslow Lewis, No. 18 | 6 | Boston, No. 2 | 5 |
| Haverhill, No. 14 | 5 | Cyprus, No. 39 | 4 |
| Wm. Parkham, No. 28 | 3 | Palestine, No. 10 | 2 |
| St. Bernard, No. 12 | 1 | Ivanhoe, No. 46 | 1 |

COMMANDERIES MAKING GAINS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Woonsocket, No. 24 | 26 | St. George, No. 44 | 6 |
| Connecticut Valley, No. 23 | 22 | Bristol, No. 29 | 6 |
| Joseph Warren, No. 26 | 18 | Newburyport, No. 3 | 6 |
| St. John's, No. 1 | 17 | Orange, No. 45 | 6 |
| Cœur de Lion, No. 34 | 16 | Athol, No. 37 | 6 |
| Olivet, No. 36 | 15 | Beauseant, No. 41 | 4 |
| St. Paul, No. 40 | 15 | Holy Sepulchre, No. 8 | 4 |
| Milford, No. 11 | 14 | St. Omer, No. 21 | 4 |
| South Shore, No. 21 | 14 | Jerusalem, No. 19 | 4 |
| Hugh de Payens, No. 20 | 14 | Bethany, No. 17 | 3 |
| Sutton, No. 16 | 11 | Washington, No. 4 | 2 |
| Springfield No. 6 | 11 | Natick, No. 33 | 1 |
| Cambridge, No. 42 | 9 | Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25 | 1 |
| Pilgrim, No. 9 | 9 | Narragansett, No. 27 | 2 |
| Bay State, No. 38 | 9 | Trinity, No. 32 | 1 |
| Worcester County, No. 5 | 8 | Old Colony, No. 1 | 1 |
| De Molay, No. 7 | 8 | | |

Berkshire, No. 22; Gethsemane, No. 35; and Bethlehem, No. 43, have the same number as reported last year.

| Name of Commandery. | No. of Commandery. | Location of Commandery. | Date of Charter. | Time of Meeting. | Date of Annual Conclave. | Knighted. | Affiliated. | Restored | Suspended. | Dimitted. | Expelled. | Died. | No of members in 1900. | No. of members in 1901. | Gain. | Loss. | Amount of dues due the Grand Commandery. | Amount paid to Grand Commandery. | Date and numerical order in which annual returns were received. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | Providence, R. I. | Oct. 7, 1805 | 1st Monday in each month | 1st Monday in Oct | 34 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | .. | 10 | 673 | 690 | 17 | .. | $345 00 | $345 00 | 5. Sept. 23 |
| Boston | 2 | Boston, Mass | Mar. 3, 1806 | 3d Wednesday in each month | 3d Wednesday in Oct | 42 | 5 | .. | 4 | 13 | 5 | 30 | 955 | 950 | .... | 5 | 437 50 | 437 50 | 9. Sept. 27 |
| Newburyport | 3 | Newburyport, Mass | May 12, 1808 | 3d Thursday in each month | 3d Thursday in Sept | 9 | .. | .. | .... | 1 | .. | 2 | 155 | 161 | 6 | .. | 85 25 | 85 25 | 37. Oct. 8 |
| Washington | 4 | Newport, R. I. | June 7, 1814 | 3d Wednesday in each month | 3d Wednesday in Jan | 10 | 1 | .. | 1 | .... | .. | 8 | 202 | 204 | 2 | .. | 101 00 | 101 00 | 26. Oct. 3 |
| Worcester County | 5 | Worcester, Mass | Dec. 17, 1824 | 1st Thursday in each month | 1st Thursday in Oct | 25 | 3 | .. | .... | 5 | .. | 14 | 608 | 616 | 8 | .. | 289 00 | 289 00 | 22. Oct. 2 |
| Springfield | 6 | Springfield, Mass | June 19, 1826 | 1st Monday in each month | 1st Monday in Nov | 33 | 1 | .. | 4 | 8 | .. | 11 | 670 | 681 | 11 | .. | 335 25 | 335 25 | 21. Oct. 2 |
| De Molay | 7 | Boston, Mass | Oct. 10, 1848 | 4th Wednesday in each month | 4th Wednesday in Sept | 21 | 2 | .. | .... | 2 | .. | 13 | 744 | 252 | 8 | .. | 293 00 | 293 00 | 1. Aug. 1 |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | Pawtucket, R. I. | Sept. 25, 1849 | 3d Friday in each month | 4th Friday in June | 19 | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | .. | 11 | 287 | 291 | 4 | .. | 168 50 | 168 50 | 41. Oct. 9 |
| Pilgrim | 9 | Lowell, Mass | Oct. 10, 1855 | 1st Wednesday after full moon each mo | Regular Conclave in Oct | 18 | .. | .. | 3 | 2 | .. | 4 | 344 | 353 | 9 | .. | 208 25 | 208 25 | 8. Sept. 27 |
| Palestine | 10 | Chelsea, Mass | Oct. 28, 1859 | 2d Wednesday in each month | Regular Conclave in Oct | 11 | .. | .. | 6 | 3 | .. | 4 | 275 | 273 | .... | 2 | 118 25 | 118 25 | 12. Sept. 30 |
| Milford | 11 | Milford, Mass | Oct. 28, 1859 | 4th Monday in each month | 4th Monday in Sept | 19 | 2 | .. | 3 | 2 | .. | 2 | 228 | 242 | 14 | .. | 155 50 | 155 50 | 16. Oct. 1 |
| St. Bernard | 12 | Boston, Mass | Oct. 28, 1859 | 2d Wednesday in each month | 2d Wednesday in Dec | 3 | .. | .. | .... | 3 | .. | 1 | 89 | 88 | .... | 1 | 42 00 | 42 00 | 38. Oct. 8 |
| Calvary | 13 | Providence, R. I. | May 22, 1860 | 1st Tuesday in each month | 1st Tuesday in Dec | 17 | .. | .. | 18 | 2 | .. | 13 | 430 | 414 | .... | 16 | 188 50 | 188 50 | 25. Oct. 3 |
| Haverhill | 14 | Haverhill, Mass | May 12, 1863 | 2d Tuesday in each month | 2d Tuesday in Oct | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .... | .. | 6 | 268 | 263 | .... | 5 | 75 75 | 75 75 | 18. Oct. 1 |
| Old Colony | 15 | Abington, Mass | Oct. 26, 1863 | 1st Monday following full moon each mo. | Stated Conclave in Sept | 5 | .. | .. | .... | .... | .. | 4 | 179 | 180 | 1 | .. | 70 00 | 70 00 | 29. Oct. 4 |
| Sutton | 16 | New Bedford, Mass | May 5, 1864 | 1st Thursday in each month | 1st Thursday in Jan | 22 | 1 | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | 7 | 303 | 314 | 11 | .. | 188 50 | 188 50 | 31. Oct. 5 |
| Bethany | 17 | Lawrence, Mass | Oct. 28, 1864 | Last Tuesday in each month | Last Tuesday in Sept | 19 | 1 | .. | 7 | 1 | .. | 9 | 296 | 299 | 3 | .. | 169 75 | 169 75 | 4. Sept. 20 |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | Salem, Mass | Mar. 3, 1865 | 3d Thursday in each month | 3d Thursday in Oct | 7 | 1 | .. | 7 | 1 | .. | 6 | 225 | 219 | .... | 6 | 89 75 | 89 75 | 42. Oct. 10 |
| Jerusalem | 19 | Fitchburg, Mass. | Mar. 8, 1865 | 3d Thursday in each month | 3d Thursday in Sept | 5 | 1 | .. | .... | 1 | .. | 1 | 242 | 246 | 4 | .. | 86 50 | 86 50 | 33. Oct. 7 |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | Melrose, Mass | Mar. 27, 1865 | 2d Wednesday in each month | 2d Wednesday in Sept | 20 | 1 | .. | .... | .... | .. | 9 | 354 | 366 | 12 | .. | 191 50 | 191 50 | 13. Sept. 30 |
| St. Omer | 21 | South Boston, Mass | Sept. 30, 1865 | 3d Monday in each month | 3d Monday in Oct | 13 | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | 6 | 268 | 272 | 4 | .. | 138 00 | 138 00 | 7. Sept. 25 |
| Berkshire | 22 | Pittsfield, Mass | Dec. 22, 1865 | 2d Monday in each month | 2d Monday in Oct | 2 | 1 | .. | .... | .... | .. | 3 | 158 | 168 | .... | .. | 49 50 | 49 50 | 39. Oct. 8 |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | Greenfield, Mass. | Dec. 22, 1866 | 1st Tuesday in each month | 1st Tuesday in Oct | 23 | .. | .. | .... | .... | .. | 1 | 158 | 180 | 22 | .. | 100 00 | 100 00 | 43. Oct. 10 |
| Woonsocket | 24 | Woonsocket, R. I | Jan. 31, 1867 | 2nd Tuesday in each month | 2d Tuesday in Oct | 36 | .. | .. | 4 | 2 | .. | 4 | 227 | 253 | 26 | .. | 203 25 | 203 25 | 14. Sept. 30 |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | Fall River, Mass | May 29, 1868 | 3d Wednesday in each month | 3d Wednesday in Oct | 12 | .. | .. | .... | 3 | .. | 5 | 216 | 217 | 1 | .. | 114 75 | 114 75 | 34. Oct. 7 |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | Roxbury, Mass | Jan. 1, 1869 | 1st Monday in each month | 1st Monday in June | 34 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | .. | 8 | 425 | 443 | 18 | .. | 280 75 | 280 75 | 3. Sept. 16 |
| Narragansett | 27 | Westerly, R. I. | May 12, 1869 | 4th Thursday in each month | 4th Thursday in Jan | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | .... | .. | .... | 120 | 122 | 2 | .. | 45 50 | 45 50 | 17. Oct. 1 |
| William Parkman | 28 | East Boston, Mass | May 12, 1870 | 2d Thursday in each month | 2d Thursday in Oct | 13 | 1 | .. | 5 | 3 | .. | 9 | 329 | 326 | .... | 3 | 146 50 | 146 50 | 10. Sept. 28 |
| Bristol | 29 | North Attleboro, Mass. | May 28, 1870 | Friday on or before full moon each mo. | Stated Conclave in Dec | 11 | 1 | .. | .... | 2 | .. | 3 | 199 | 206 | 6 | .. | 106 50 | 106 50 | 46. Oct. 2 |
| Northampton | 30 | Northampton, Mass | June 2, 1870 | 2d Monday in each month | 2d Monday in Oct | 3 | 1 | .. | .... | 5 | .. | 5 | 169 | 159 | .... | 6 | 54 75 | 54 75 | 35. Oct. 7 |
| South Shore | 31 | East Weymouth, Mass. | June 9, 1870 | 2d Monday in each month | Regular Conclave in Sept. | 22 | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 235 | 249 | 14 | .. | 172 25 | 172 25 | 2. Sept. 10 |
| Trinity | 32 | Hudson, Mass | April 8, 1871 | 1st Wednesday after full moon each mo. | Regular Conclave in Sept. | 9 | .. | .. | .... | 4 | 1 | 3 | 220 | 221 | 1 | .. | 100 25 | 100 25 | 40. Oct. 8 |
| Natick | 33 | Natick, Mass | April 12, 1871 | 2d Monday in each month | 2d Monday in Sept | 6 | .. | .. | .... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 182 | 183 | 1 | .. | 75 75 | 75 75 | 30. Oct. 4 |
| Cœur de Lion | 34 | Charlestown, Mass | Oct 14, 1871 | 3d Tuesday in each month | 3d Tuesday in Nov | 28 | 3 | .. | 3 | 2 | .. | 10 | 385 | 401 | 16 | .. | 245 25 | 245 25 | 18. Oct. 1 |
| Gethsemane | 35 | Newtonville, Mass | May 20, 1872 | 4th Tuesday in each month | 4th Tuesday in June, | 9 | 4 | .. | 2 | 8 | .. | 3 | 301 | 301 | .... | .. | 120 25 | 120 25 | 44. Oct. 10 |
| Olivet | 36 | Lynn, Mass | Mar. 13, 1873 | 1st Wednesday in each month | 1st Wednesday in April | 25 | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | 6 | 243 | 258 | 15 | .. | 189 50 | 189 50 | 6. Sept. 25 |
| Athol | 37 | Athol, Mass | June 7, 1873 | 1st Wednesday in each month | 1st Wednesday in Sept | 8 | 2 | .. | .... | 2 | .. | 1 | 124 | 130 | 6 | .. | 77 00 | 77 00 | 28. Oct. 4 |
| Bay State | 38 | Brockton, Mass | Sept. 13, 1873 | 3d Monday in each month | 3d Monday in Oct | 22 | .. | .. | 5 | 5 | .. | 3 | 328 | 337 | 9 | .. | 199 25 | 199 25 | 45. Oct. 11 |
| Cyprus | 39 | Hyde Park, Mass | Oct. 31, 1873 | 4th Thursday in each month | 4th Thursday in May | 12 | .. | .. | 4 | 6 | .. | 6 | 248 | 244 | .... | 4 | 121 00 | 121 00 | 15. Sept. 30 |
| St. Paul | 40 | North Adams, Mass | Jan. 19, 1882 | 2d Friday in each month | 2d Friday in April | 19 | .. | .. | .... | 2 | .. | 2 | 126 | 141 | 15 | .. | 135 25 | 135 25 | 23. Oct. 2 |
| Beauseant | 41 | Malden, Mass | Oct. 20, 1886 | 4th Monday in each month | 4th Monday in Sept | 11 | .. | .. | .... | 2 | .. | 5 | 289 | 293 | 4 | .. | 128 25 | 128 25 | 20. Oct. 2 |
| Cambridge | 42 | Cambridge, Mass | May 28, 1890 | 1st Wednesday in each month | 1st Wednesday in June | 14 | 1 | .. | 2 | 3 | .. | 1 | 226 | 235 | 9 | .. | 128 75 | 128 75 | 24. Oct. 2 |
| Bethlehem | 43 | Gloucester, Mass | Oct. 29, 1890 | 2d Monday in each month | 2d Monday in Oct | 4 | .. | .. | .... | 1 | .. | 3 | 116 | 116 | .... | .. | 74 00 | 74 00 | 19. Oct. 2 |
| St. George | 44 | Beverly, Mass | Mar. 19, 1892 | 4th Thursday in each month | 4th Thursday in Oct | 7 | .. | .. | .... | 1 | .. | .... | 107 | 113 | 6 | .. | 63 25 | 63 25 | 27. Oct. 2 |
| Orange | 45 | Orange, Mass, | Oct. 26, 1893 | Last Friday in each month | Last Friday in Sept | 7 | 1 | .. | ... | 1 | .. | 1 | 104 | 110 | 6 | .. | 67 50 | 67 50 | 32. Oct. 5 |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | Gardner, Mass | June 24, 1897 | 2d Thursday in each month | 2d Thursday in Oct | 3 | .. | .. | .... | 3 | .. | 1 | 86 | 85 | .... | 1 | 36 25 | 36 25 | 11. Sept. 28 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Totals | 697 | 36 | 2 | 101 | 118 | 9 | 259 | 13,112 | 13,368 | 291 | 49 | $6,811 50 | $6,811 50 | .......... |

## ANALYSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

| Name of Commandery. | No. of Commandery. | Members, 1900. | Members, 1901. | Increase. | Decrease | Knighted, 1900. | Knighted, 1901. | Increase. | Decrease. | Dues Paid Grand Commandery, 1900. | Dues Paid Grand Commandery, 1901. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | 673 | 690 | 17 | .. | 55 | 34 | ... | 21 | $428 25 | $345 00 | ......... | $83 75 |
| Boston | 2 | 955 | 950 | ... | 5 | 76 | 42 | 16 | .. | 253 75 | 437 50 | $83 75 | ........ |
| Newburyport | 3 | 155 | 161 | 6 | .. | 4 | 9 | 5 | .. | 58 75 | 85 75 | 26 50 | ........ |
| Washington | 4 | 202 | 204 | 2 | .. | 10 | 10 | ... | .. | 100 50 | 101 00 | 50 | ........ |
| Worcester County | 5 | 608 | 616 | 8 | .. | 17 | 25 | 8 | .. | 237 00 | 289 00 | 52 00 | ........ |
| Springfield | 6 | 670 | 681 | 11 | .. | 25 | 33 | 8 | .. | 292 50 | 335 25 | 42 75 | ........ |
| De Molay | 7 | 744 | 752 | 8 | .. | 41 | 21 | ... | 20 | 391 00 | 293 00 | ......... | 98 00 |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | 287 | 291 | 4 | .. | 10 | 19 | 9 | .. | 121 75 | 168 50 | 46 75 | ........ |
| Pilgrim | 9 | 344 | 353 | 9 | .. | 9 | 18 | 9 | .. | 131 00 | 208 25 | 77 25 | ........ |
| Palestine | 10 | 275 | 273 | ... | 2 | 18 | 11 | ... | 9 | 143 75 | 118 25 | ......... | 25 50 |
| Milford | 11 | 228 | 242 | 14 | .. | 9 | 19 | 10 | .. | 107 00 | 155 50 | 48 50 | ........ |
| St. Bernard | 12 | 89 | 88 | ... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | .. | 27 25 | 42 00 | 14 75 | ........ |
| Calvary | 13 | 430 | 414 | ... | 16 | 20 | 17 | ... | 3 | 207 50 | 188 50 | ......... | 19 00 |
| Haverhill | 14 | 268 | 263 | ... | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | .. | 72 00 | 75 75 | 3 75 | ........ |
| Old Colony | 15 | 179 | 180 | 1 | .. | 4 | 5 | 1 | .. | 64 75 | 70 00 | 5 25 | ........ |
| Sutton | 16 | 303 | 314 | 11 | .. | 15 | 22 | 7 | .. | 150 75 | 188 50 | 38 25 | ........ |
| Bethany | 17 | 296 | 299 | 3 | .. | 20 | 19 | ... | 1 | 174 00 | 169 75 | ........ | 4 25 |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | 225 | 219 | ... | 6 | 18 | 7 | ... | 11 | 146 25 | 89 75 | ......... | 56 50 |
| Jerusalem | 19 | 242 | 246 | 4 | .. | 15 | 5 | ... | 10 | 135 50 | 86 50 | ......... | 49 00 |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | 354 | 366 | 12 | .. | 27 | 20 | ... | 7 | 223 50 | 191 50 | ......... | 32 00 |
| St. Omer | 21 | 268 | 272 | 4 | .. | 15 | 13 | ... | 2 | 142 00 | 138 00 | ......... | 4 00 |
| Berkshire | 22 | 158 | 158 | ... | .. | 11 | 2 | ... | 9 | 94 50 | 49 50 | ......... | 45 00 |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | 158 | 180 | 22 | .. | 4 | 23 | 19 | .. | 114 50 | 100 00 | ......... | 14 50 |
| Woonsocket | 24 | 227 | 253 | 26 | .. | 13 | 36 | 23 | .. | 161 75 | 203 25 | 31 50 | ........ |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | 216 | 217 | 1 | .. | 11 | 12 | 1 | .. | 109 00 | 114 25 | 5 00 | ........ |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | 425 | 443 | 18 | .. | 28 | 34 | 6 | .. | 251 25 | 280 75 | 29 50 | ........ |
| Narragansett | 27 | 120 | 122 | 2 | .. | 6 | 3 | ... | 3 | 60 00 | 45 50 | ......... | 14 50 |
| William Parkman | 28 | 329 | 376 | ... | 3 | 32 | 13 | ... | 19 | 242 25 | 146 50 | ......... | 95 75 |
| Bristol | 29 | 199 | 206 | 7 | .. | 12 | 11 | ... | 1 | 109 75 | 106 50 | ......... | 3 25 |
| Northampton | 30 | 165 | 159 | ... | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | 57 25 | 54 75 | ......... | 2 50 |
| South Shore | 31 | 235 | 249 | 14 | .. | 19 | 22 | 3 | .. | 153 75 | 172 25 | 11 50 | ........ |
| Trinity | 32 | 220 | 221 | 1 | .. | 8 | 9 | 1 | .. | 95 00 | 100 25 | 5 25 | ........ |
| Natick | 33 | 182 | 183 | 1 | .. | 9 | 6 | ... | 3 | 90 50 | 75 75 | ......... | 14 75 |
| Cœur de Lion | 34 | 385 | 401 | 16 | .. | 25 | 28 | 3 | .. | 206 25 | 245 25 | 39 00 | ........ |
| Gethsemane | 35 | 301 | 301 | ... | .. | 19 | 9 | ... | 10 | 170 25 | 120 25 | ......... | 50 00 |
| Olivet | 36 | 243 | 258 | 15 | .. | 15 | 25 | 10 | .. | 135 75 | 189 50 | 43 75 | ........ |
| Athol | 37 | 124 | 130 | 6 | .. | 7 | 8 | 1 | .. | 65 50 | 77 00 | 4 50 | ........ |
| Bay State | 38 | 328 | 337 | 9 | .. | 8 | 22 | 14 | .. | 122 00 | 199 25 | 77 25 | ........ |
| Cyprus | 39 | 248 | 244 | ... | 4 | 12 | 12 | ... | .. | 122 00 | 121 00 | ......... | 1 00 |
| St. Paul | 40 | 126 | 142 | 15 | .. | 6 | 19 | 13 | .. | 71 50 | 135 25 | 63 75 | ........ |
| Beauseant | 41 | 289 | 293 | 4 | .. | 12 | 11 | ... | 1 | 132 25 | 128 75 | ......... | 4 00 |
| Cambridge | 42 | 226 | 235 | 9 | .. | 27 | 14 | ... | 13 | 191 50 | 128 75 | ......... | 62 75 |
| Bethlehem | 43 | 116 | 116 | ... | .. | 9 | 4 | ... | 5 | 74 00 | 74 00 | ......... | ........ |
| St. George | 44 | 107 | 113 | 6 | .. | 12 | 7 | ... | 5 | 86 75 | 63 25 | ......... | 23 50 |
| Orange | 45 | 104 | 110 | 6 | .. | 6 | 7 | 1 | .. | 56 00 | 67 50 | 11 50 | ........ |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | 86 | 85 | ... | 1 | 6 | 3 | ... | 3 | 51 50 | 36 25 | ......... | 15 25 |
| Total. | .. | 13,112 | 13,368 | ... | .. | 678 | 697 | ... | .. | $6,728 00 | $6,811 50 | $762 50 | $718 75 |

## NUMERICAL STANDING OF THE SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

| Standing. | Commandery. | Number. | Location. | Members. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Boston | 2 | Boston, Mass. | 950 |
| 2 | De Molay | 7 | Boston, Mass. | 752 |
| 3 | Saint John's | 1 | Providence, R. I. | 690 |
| 4 | Springfield | 6 | Springfield, Mass. | 681 |
| 5 | Worcester County | 5 | Worcester, Mass. | 616 |
| 6 | Joseph Warren | 26 | Roxbury, Mass. | 443 |
| 7 | Calvary | 13 | Providence, R. I | 414 |
| 8 | Cœur de Lion | 34 | Charlestown, Mass. | 401 |
| 9 | Hugh de Payens | 20 | Melrose, Mass | 366 |
| 10 | Pilgrim | 9 | Lowell, Mass | 353 |
| 11 | Bay State | 38 | Brockton, Mass | 337 |
| 12 | William Parkman | 28 | East Boston, Mass. | 326 |
| 13 | Sutton | 16 | New Bedford, Mass | 314 |
| 14 | Gethsemane | 35 | Newtonville, Mass | 301 |
| 15 | Bethany | 17 | Lawrence, Mass | 299 |
| 16 | Beauseant | 41 | Malden, Mass | 293 |
| 17 | Holy Sepulchre | 8 | Pawtucket, R. I. | 291 |
| 18 | Palestine | 10 | Chelsea, Mass. | 273 |
| 19 | Saint Omer | 21 | South Boston, Mass. | 272 |
| 20 | Haverhill | 14 | Haverhill, Mass | 263 |
| 21 | Olivet | 36 | Lynn, Mass. | 258 |
| 22 | Woonsocket | 24 | Woonsocket, R. I | 253 |
| 22 | Cambridge | 42 | Cambridge, Mass. | 253 |
| 23 | South Shore | 31 | Weymouth, Mass. | 249 |
| 24 | Cyprus | 39 | Hyde Park, Mass. | 244 |
| 25 | Milford | 11 | Milford, Mass | 242 |
| 26 | Jerusalem | 19 | Fitchburg, Mass. | 241 |
| 27 | Trinity | 32 | Hudson, Mass. | 221 |
| 28 | Winslow Lewis | 18 | Salem, Mass | 219 |
| 29 | Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | Fall River, Mass | 217 |
| 30 | Bristol | 29 | Attleboro, Mass. | 206 |
| 31 | Washington | 4 | Newport, R. I. | 204 |
| 32 | Natick | 33 | Natick, Mass. | 183 |
| 33 | Old Colony | 15 | Abington, Mass | 180 |
| 33 | Connecticut Valley | 23 | Greenfield, Mass. | 180 |
| 34 | Newburyport | 3 | Newburyport, Mass. | 161 |
| 35 | Northampton | 30 | Northampton, Mass. | 159 |
| 36 | Berkshire | 22 | Pittsfield, Mass. | 158 |
| 37 | Saint Paul | 40 | North Adams, Mass. | 141 |
| 38 | Athol | 37 | Athol, Mass | 130 |
| 39 | Narragansett | 27 | Westerly, R. I. | 122 |
| 40 | Bethlehem | 43 | Gloucester, Mass. | 116 |
| 41 | Saint George | 44 | Beverly, Mass. | 113 |
| 42 | Orange | 45 | Orange, Mass. | 110 |
| 43 | Saint Bernard | 12 | Boston, Mass. | 88 |
| 44 | Ivanhoe | 46 | Gardner, Mass | 85 |
|  | Total | ..... | ..... | 13,368 |

## ADDRESSES OF EMINENT COMMANDERS.

| Name of Commandery. | No. of Commandery. | Location of Commandery. | Eminent Commander. | Address. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | Providence, R. I. | Henry A. Carpenter | Providence, R. I. |
| Boston | 2 | Boston, Mass. | John H. Bowker | Boston, Mass. |
| Newburyport | 3 | Newburyport, Mass. | Benjamin F. Warton | Newburyport, Mass. |
| Washington | 4 | Newport, R. I. | Thomas J. Pierce | Wickford R. I. |
| Worcester County | 5 | Worcester, Mass. | Arthur H. Burton | Worcester, Mass. |
| Springfield | 6 | Springfield, Mass. | Thomas C. Hawks | Springfield, Mass. |
| De Molay | 7 | Boston, Mass. | Edward L. Rugg | 172 High St., Boston, Mass. |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | Pawtucket, R. I. | John T. Oldham | Pawtucket, R. I. |
| Pilgrim | 9 | Lowell, Mass. | Frank K. Stearns | Lowell, Mass. |
| Palestine | 10 | Chelsea, Mass. | Elmer L. French | Chelsea, Mass. |
| Milford | 11 | Milford, Mass. | Aaron H. Mayhew | Milford, Mass. |
| St Bernard | 12 | Boston, Mass | James T. Soutter | Boston, Mass. |
| Calvary | 13 | Providence, R. I. | Joseph Baker, Jr | Providence, R. I. |
| Haverhill | 14 | Haverhill, Mass. | William L. Smart | Merrimac, Mass. |
| Old Colony | 15 | Abington, Mass. | Ernest W. Calkins | North Abington, Mass. |
| Sutton | 16 | New Bedford, Mass. | William Deacon | 47 Union St., New Bedford, Mass. |
| Bethany | 17 | Lawrence, Mass. | H. L. Sherman | Lawrence, Mass, |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | Salem, Mass. | Horace N. Smith | Salem, Mass. |
| Jerusalem | 19 | Fitchburg, Mass. | E. D. Moody | Fitchburg, Mass. |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | Melrose, Mass. | Joseph A. Pierce | Melrose Highlands, Mass. |
| St. Omer | 21 | South Boston, Mass. | Thomas F. Christian | 41 Kingston St., Boston, Mass |
| Berkshire | 22 | Pittsfield, Mass | James O. Clifford | Lenox, Mass. |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | Greenfield, Mass. | Charles W. Schuler | Turners Falls, Mass. |
| Woonsocket | 24 | Woonsocket, R. I | Stephen Magown | Woonsocket, R. I. |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | Fall River, Mass. | Herbert S. Weeden | Fall River, Mass. |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | Roxbury, Mass. | Silas W. Brackett | Roxbury, Mass. |
| Narragansett | 27 | Westerly, R. I. | Charles M. Barbour | Westerly, R. I. |
| William Parkman | 28 | East Boston, Mass. | John W. Dicker | 82 Marion St., E. Boston, Mass. |
| Bristol | 29 | N. Attleboro, Mass. | Henry H. Curtis | North Attleboro, Mass. |
| Northampton | 30 | Northampton, Mass | Eugene E. Davis | Northampton, Mass. |
| South Shore | 31 | E Weymouth, Mass. | Eben H. Cain | Weymouth, Mass. |
| Trinity | 32 | Hudson, Mass. | F. A. Morse | Hudson, Mass. |
| Natick | 33 | Natick, Mass. | Charles C. Henry | Wellesley Hills, Mass. |
| Cœur de Lion | 34 | Charlestown, Mass. | Wm. H. Cushman | Somerville, Mass. |
| Gethsemane | 35 | Newtonville, Mass. | Frank L. Nagle | 176 Summer St., Boston, Mass. |
| Olivet | 36 | Lynn, Mass | Frank P. Bubier | Lynn, Mass. |
| Athol | 37 | Athol, Mass. | Will S. Hinman | Athol, Mass. |
| Bay State | 38 | Brockton, Mass. | Myron L. Keith | Campello, Mass. |
| Cyprus | 39 | Hyde Park, Mass. | William H. Barrett | Hyde Park, Mass |
| St. Paul | 40 | North Adams, Mass. | Edward M. Meekens | North Adams, Mass. |
| Beauseant | 41 | Malden, Mass.* | Walter F Medding | Malden, Mass. |
| Cambridge | 42 | Cambridge, Mass. | Charles H. Morse | Cambridge, Mass. |
| Bethlehem | 43 | Gloucester, Mass. | Conrad R. Hanson | Gloucester, Mass. |
| St. George | 44 | Beverly, Mass | Wallace P. Hood | Danvers, Mass. |
| Orange | 45 | Orange, Mass. | Dexter L. Crandall | Orange, Mass. |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | Gardner, Mass. | Frank W. Smith | Gardner, Mass. |

## ADDRESSES OF RECORDERS.

| Name of Commandery. | No. of Commandery. | Location of Commandery. | Recorder. | Address. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | Providence, R. I. | Franklin A. Smith | 25 Lenox Ave., Providence, R. I. |
| Boston | 2 | Boston, Mass. | J. Gilman Waite | Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass. |
| Newburyport | 3 | Newburyport, Mass. | Geo. H. Stevens | Newburyport, Mass. |
| Washington | 4 | Newport, R. I. | David Stevens | Newport, R. I. |
| Worcester County | 5 | Worcester, Mass. | William S. Dadmun | P. O. Box 578, Worcester, Mass. |
| Springfield | 6 | Springfield, Mass. | George B. Miller | Springfield, Mass. |
| De Molay | 7 | Boston, Mass. | Charles R. Magee | 28 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | Pawtucket, R. I. | Wm. H. Barclay | Pawtucket, R. I. |
| Pilgrim | 9 | Lowell, Mass. | J. W. B. Shaw | Lowell, Mass. |
| Palestine | 10 | Chelsea, Mass. | Chas. S. Beatley | 23 Central Ave., Chelsea, Mass. |
| Milford | 11 | Milford, Mass. | S. C. Sumner | P. O. Box 3, Milford, Mass. |
| St. Bernard | 12 | Boston, Mass | Thomas W. Davis | Waverly, Mass. |
| Calvary | 13 | Providence, R. I. | Chas. S. Pettee | P. O. Box 393, Providence, R. I. |
| Haverhill | 14 | Haverhill, Mass. | H. Parker Williams | Haverhill, Mass. |
| Old Colony | 15 | Abington, Mass. | David V. Poole | Abington, Mass. |
| Sutton | 16 | New Bedford, Mass. | Wm. M. Thorup | P.O.Box 414, New Bedford, Mass. |
| Bethany | 17 | Lawrence, Mass. | William L. McDavitt | 91 Bradford St., Lawrence, Mass. |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | Salem, Mass. | Wm. H. Rollins | Salem, Mass. |
| Jerusalem | 19 | Fitchburg, Mass. | Frank D Page | Fitchburg, Mass. |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | Melrose, Mass. | Calvin W. Sawyer | 441 Exchange Building, Boston, Mass. |
| St. Omer | 21 | South Boston, Mass. | William Morris | Custom House, Boston, Mass. |
| Berkshire | 22 | Pittsfield, Mass. | Wm. T. Petherbridge | Pittsfield, Mass. |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | Greenfield, Mass. | John D. Bouker | Greenfield, Mass. |
| Woonsocket | 24 | Woonsocket, R. I. | Harry H. Wardle | Woonsocket, R. I. |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | Fall River, Mass. | Wm. E Blossom | Fall River, Mass. |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | Roxbury, Mass. | Wm. H. Gerrish | 43 West St , Boston, Mass. |
| Narragansett | 27 | Westerly, R. I. | S. C. Burdick | Westerly, R. I. |
| William Parkman | 28 | East Boston, Mass. | Edward H. Morse | 29 Lexington St., E.Boston,Mass. |
| Bristol | 29 | N. Attleboro, Mass. | Geo. H. Herrick | Attleboro, Mass. |
| Northampton | 30 | Northampton, Mass. | David C. Crafts | Northampton, Mass. |
| South Shore | 31 | E. Weymouth, Mass. | Frank H. Mason | Weymouth, Mass. |
| Trinity | 32 | Hudson, Mass. | Geo. B. Cochran | Hudson, Mass. |
| Natick | 33 | Natick, Mass. | Willard W. Wight | Natick, Mass. |
| Cœur de Lion | 34 | Charlestown, Mass. | Wm. L. Barber | 40 Lincoln St., Boston, Mass. |
| Gethsemane | 35 | Newtonville, Mass. | Asa C. Jewett | Newton Centre, Mass. |
| Olivet | 36 | Lynn, Mass | J. Frank Pool | City Hall, Lynn, Mass. |
| Athol | 37 | Athol, Mass | Festus G. Amsden | Athol, Mass. |
| Bay State | 38 | Brockton, Mass. | Henry C. Gurney | Brockton, Mass. |
| Cyprus | 39 | Hyde Park, Mass. | Daniel E. Cluff | Hyde Park, Mass. |
| St. Paul | 40 | North Adams, Mass. | Junius B. Temple | North Adams, Mass. |
| Beauseant | 41 | Malden, Mass. | A. W. Hutchins | Malden, Mass. |
| Cambridge | 42 | Cambridge, Mass. | Chas. M. Pear | 4 Fayette Park,Cambridge,Mass. |
| Bethlehem | 43 | Gloucester, Mass. | S. D. Hildreth. | 111 Main St., Gloucester, Mass. |
| St. George | 44 | Beverly, Mass. | W. C. Hill | Beverly Mass. |
| Orange | 45 | Orange, Mass. | George H. Best | Orange, Mass. |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | Gardner, Mass. | Josiah H. Whiting | Gardner, Mass. |

The whole number of Knights Templars in the United States is, as compiled from the latest information, 125,880; and in the world, 132,489.

From these tables it will be found that the sources of gains and losses have been as follows:

| *Gains.* | | *Losses.* | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Knighted | 8,893 | Dimitted | 2,054 |
| Affiliated | 1,334 | Suspended | 1,996 |
| Restored | 498 | Died | 2,032 |
| | | Expelled | 53 |
| Total gains | 10,725 | Total losses | 6,135 |

Making a net gain of ........................... 4,590

## STATISTICS RELATING TO SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

| GRAND COMMANDERY OF | Number Knighted. | Number Affiliated. | Number Restored. | Number Dimitted. | Number Suspended. | Number Expelled. | Number Died. | Number of Subordinates. | Number of Members. | Gain over last Report. | Average Membership to each Commandery. | Numerical Standing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 117 | 6 | 7 | 18 | 5 | .... | 7 | 9 | 463 | 100 | 52 | 35 |
| Arizona | 22 | 4 | .... | ...... | 1 | .... | 1 | 3 | 191 | 24 | 64 | 44 |
| Arkansas | 32 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 564 | 12 | 47 | 33 |
| California | 314 | 54 | 37 | 57 | 34 | .... | 68 | 37 | 3,556 | 246 | 96 | 11 |
| Colorado | 90 | 27 | 8 | 34 | 49 | 1 | 44 | 25 | 1,683 | *3 | 67 | 21 |
| Connecticut | 128 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 26 | 1 | 61 | 11 | 2,696 | 44 | 245 | 15 |
| District of Columbia | 73 | 9 | 9 | 20 | 31 | .... | 36 | 5 | 1,497 | 4 | 299 | 24 |
| Florida | 34 | 2 | 1 | 7 | ...... | 1 | 5 | 7 | 309 | 24 | 38 | 41 |
| Georgia | 97 | 34 | 3 | 37 | 16 | .... | 15 | 11 | 855 | 66 | 80 | 28 |
| Illinois | 576 | 89 | 51 | 191 | 166 | 2 | 150 | 66 | 9,587 | 207 | 145 | 4 |
| Indiana | 218 | 38 | 18 | 62 | 49 | 1 | 60 | 43 | 3,767 | 102 | 87 | 9 |
| Indian Territory | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | ...... | 5 | 195 | *14 | 39 | 43 |
| Iowa | 329 | 64 | 23 | 110 | 55 | 1 | 68 | 57 | 4,738 | 182 | 83 | 7 |
| Kansas | 198 | 35 | 20 | 116 | 41 | 12 | 34 | 48 | 3,361 | 50 | 70 | 12 |
| Kentucky | 319 | 25 | 10 | 53 | 58 | 2 | 36 | 25 | 2,395 | 205 | 96 | 16 |
| Louisiana | 36 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 8 | .... | 11 | 6 | 332 | 22 | 55 | 39 |
| Maine | 230 | 8 | 3 | 27 | 31 | .... | 75 | 20 | 3,590 | 108 | 175 | 10 |
| Maryland | 55 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 18 | 1 | 14 | 12 | 1,251 | 4 | 104 | 26 |
| Mass. and Rhode Island | 697 | 36 | 2 | 118 | 101 | 9 | 259 | 46 | 13,368 | 256 | 300 | 1 |
| Michigan | 297 | 39 | 13 | 67 | 113 | .... | 74 | 46 | 5,880 | 95 | 128 | 6 |
| Minnesota | 121 | 18 | 11 | 64 | 60 | .... | 32 | 27 | 2,739 | *6 | 105 | 14 |
| Mississippi | 142 | 15 | 11 | 16 | 10 | .... | 11 | 20 | 682 | 131 | 34 | 31 |
| Missouri | 289 | 66 | 26 | 97 | 90 | 3 | 83 | 56 | 4,606 | 108 | 82 | 8 |
| Montana | 32 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 7 | .... | 9 | 9 | 426 | 17 | 47 | 36 |
| Nebraska | 113 | 32 | 11 | 45 | 60 | 1 | 30 | 24 | 1,660 | 20 | 69 | 22 |
| New Hampshire | 97 | 18 | 2 | 18 | 11 | .... | 40 | 11 | 2,282 | 48 | 207 | 17 |
| New Jersey | 127 | 42 | .... | 24 | 41 | .... | 31 | 17 | 1,941 | 73 | 114 | 19 |
| New Mexico | ...... | ...... | .... | ...... | ...... | .... | ...... | 7 | 316 | .... | 45 | 40 |
| New York | 1,021 | 92 | 118 | 145 | 295 | 3 | 202 | 60 | 12,749 | 586 | 212 | 3 |
| North Carolina | 30 | 5 | .... | 15 | 1 | .... | 8 | 11 | 409 | 11 | 37 | 37 |
| North Dakota | 66 | 4 | .... | 11 | 8 | .... | 5 | 8 | 606 | 46 | 78 | 32 |
| Ohio | 604 | 145 | 76 | 182 | 198 | 5 | 127 | 59 | 8,945 | 313 | 151 | 5 |
| Oklahoma | 80 | 21 | .... | 20 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 249 | 69 | 41 | 42 |
| Oregon | 52 | 7 | 3 | 12 | ...... | .... | 8 | 7 | 463 | 42 | 51 | 34 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,028 | 99 | .... | 91 | 165 | 5 | 210 | 76 | 13,288 | 656 | 174 | 2 |
| South Dakota | 45 | 8 | 4 | 16 | ...... | 1 | 8 | 12 | 771 | 16 | 64 | 29 |
| Tennessee | 49 | 21 | 3 | 27 | 23 | 1 | 16 | 16 | 1,001 | 6 | 63 | 27 |
| Texas | 217 | 61 | 17 | 78 | 66 | .... | 33 | 32 | 2,152 | 54 | 68 | 18 |
| Vermont | 108 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 9 | .... | 25 | 12 | 1,766 | 69 | 147 | 20 |
| Virginia | 195 | 42 | 10 | 58 | 17 | .... | 22 | 21 | 1,638 | 150 | 78 | 23 |
| Washington | 54 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 9 | .... | 3 | 10 | 710 | 47 | 71 | 30 |
| West Virginia | 151 | 67 | 2 | 50 | 22 | .... | 14 | 14 | 1,333 | 134 | 95 | 25 |
| Wisconsin | 150 | 34 | 4 | 68 | 46 | .... | 50 | 28 | 3,149 | 24 | 112 | 13 |
| Wyoming | 32 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 10 | .... | 8 | 8 | 392 | 11 | 46 | 38 |
| Grand Encampment, U. S. | ...... | ...... | .... | ...... | ...... | .... | ...... | 13 | 1,329 | .... | .... | ... |
| Totals in United States | 8,699 | 1,321 | 492 | 2,020 | 1,968 | 53 | 2,004 | 1,058 | 125,880 | .... | .... | ... |
| Canada | 194 | 13 | 6 | 34 | 28 | .... | 28 | 38 | 2,009 | 115 | 26 | ... |
| England and Wales | ...... | ...... | ... | ...... | ...... | ... | ...... | ...... | 2,700 | .... | .... | ... |
| Ireland | ...... | ...... | .... | ...... | ...... | ... | ...... | ...... | 1,300 | ... | .... | ... |
| Scotland | ...... | ...... | .... | ...... | ...... | .... | ...... | ...... | 500 | .... | .... | ... |
| Victoria, Australia | ...... | ...... | .... | ...... | ...... | .... | ...... | ...... | 100 | .... | .... | ... |
| Total in the World | 8,893 | 1,334 | 498 | 2,054 | 1,996 | 53 | 2,032 | 1,096 | 132,489 | .... | .... | ... |

* Loss

## NUMERICAL STRENGTH AND STANDING OF GRAND COMMANDERIES IN UNITED STATES.

| Standing. | Grand Commanderies. | Subordinates. | Members. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Massachusetts and Rhode Island | 46 | 13,368 |
| 2 | Pennsylvania | 76 | 13,288 |
| 3 | New York | 60 | 12,749 |
| 4 | Illinois | 66 | 9.587 |
| 5 | Ohio | 59 | 8.945 |
| 6 | Michigan | 46 | 5,880 |
| 7 | Iowa | 57 | 4,738 |
| 8 | Missouri | 56 | 4,606 |
| 9 | Indiana | 43 | 3,767 |
| 10 | Maine | 20 | 3,590 |
| 11 | California | 37 | 3,556 |
| 12 | Kansas | 48 | 3.361 |
| 13 | Wisconsin | 28 | 3,149 |
| 14 | Minnesota | 29 | 2,739 |
| 15 | Connecticut | 11 | 2,696 |
| 16 | Kentucky | 25 | 2,395 |
| 17 | New Hampshire | 11 | 2,282 |
| 18 | Texas | 32 | 2.152 |
| 19 | New Jersey | 11 | 1,941 |
| 20 | Vermont | 12 | 1,766 |
| 21 | Colorado | 25 | 1,683 |
| 22 | Nebraska | 24 | 1,660 |
| 23 | Virginia | 21 | 1,638 |
| 24 | District of Columbia | 5 | 1,497 |
| 25 | West Virginia | 14 | 1,333 |
| 26 | Maryland | 12 | 1,251 |
| 27 | Tennessee | 16 | 1,001 |
| 28 | Georgia | 11 | 855 |
| 29 | South Dakota | 12 | 771 |
| 30 | Washington | 10 | 710 |
| 31 | Mississippi | 20 | 682 |
| 32 | North Dakota | 8 | 606 |
| 33 | Arkansas | 12 | 564 |
| 34 | Oregon | 7 | 463 |
| 35 | Alabama | 9 | 463 |
| 36 | Montana | 9 | 426 |
| 37 | North Carolina | 11 | 409 |
| 38 | Wyoming | 8 | 392 |
| 39 | Louisiana | 6 | 332 |
| 40 | New Mexico | 7 | 316 |
| 41 | Florida | 7 | 309 |
| 42 | Oklahoma | 6 | 249 |
| 43 | Indian Territory | 5 | 195 |
| 44 | Arizona | 3 | 191 |

## DETAILED REPORT OF INSPECTIONS.

| Name of Commandery. | No. of Commandery. | Date of Inspection. | Name and Rank of Inspecting Officer. | Members Present in Uniform. | Members not in Uniform. | Visitors Present. | Suite. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | April 1, 1901 | D. J. Flanders, Gr. Sen. Warden | 185 | 28 | 55 | 45 | 313 |
| Boston | 2 | Jan. 16, 1901 | F. C. Hersey, Gr. Capt.-General | 118 | 56 | 70 | 73 | 317 |
| Newburyport | 3 | April 18, 1901 | D. J. Flanders, Gr. Sen. Warden | 33 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 57 |
| Washington | 4 | June 19, 1901 | D. J. Flanders, Gr. Sen. Warden | 56 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 82 |
| Worcester County | 5 | Mar. 28, 1901 | F. C. Hersey, Gr. Capt.-General | 74 | 23 | 13 | 10 | 120 |
| Springfield | 6 | April 15, 1901 | G. E. Hilton, Dep. Gr. Commander. | 76 | 48 | 35 | 25 | 184 |
| De Molay | 7 | Feb 27, 1901 | G. E. Hilton, Dep. Gr. Commander. | 120 | 39 | 99 | 30 | 288 |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | Mar. 10, 1901 | E. A. Blodgett, Gr. Jun. Warden | 74 | 11 | 68 | 42 | 195 |
| Pilgrim | 9 | Feb. 6, 1901 | E. A. Blodgett, Gr. Jun. Warden | 46 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 63 |
| Palestine | 10 | April 10, 1901 | C. I. Litchfield, Gr. Sword Bearer | 58 | 17 | 43 | 24 | 142 |
| Milford | 11 | April 22, 1901 | E. B. Young, Gr. Standard Bearer | 50 | 17 | 14 | 8 | 89 |
| St. Bernard | 12 | May 8, 1901 | J. D. Monroe, Gr. Warder | 24 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 38 |
| Calvary | 13 | May 7, 1901 | J. D. Monroe, Gr. Warder | 101 | 21 | 49 | 37 | 208 |
| Haverhill | 14 | April 9, 1901 | E. B. Young, Gr. Standard Bearer | 70 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 97 |
| Old Colony | 15 | April 19, 1901 | E. B. Young, Gr. Standard Bearer | 56 | 30 | 32 | 10 | 128 |
| Sutton | 16 | April 18, 1901 | C. H. Peabody, Gr. Lecturer | 61 | 33 | 25 | 15 | 134 |
| Bethany | 17 | Mar. 19, 1901 | C. I. Litchfield, Gr. Sword Bearer | 72 | 8 | 12 | 17 | 109 |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | May 16, 1901 | T. J. Evans, Gr. Lecturer | 47 | 5 | 28 | 29 | 109 |
| Jerusalem | 19 | Feb. 21, 1901 | C. A. Peabody, Gr. Lecturer | 63 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 78 |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | Jan. 9, 1901 | T. J. Evans, Gr. Lecturer | 135 | 22 | 92 | 104 | 353 |
| St. Omer | 21 | Dec. 17, 1900 | F. C. Hersey, Gr. Capt.-General | 51 | 48 | 20 | 22 | 141 |
| Berkshire | 22 | April 8, 1901 | C. I. Litchfield, Gr. Sword Bearer | 52 | 6 | 23 | 7 | 88 |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | May 7, 1901 | D. J. Flanders, Gr. Sen. Warden | 39 | 10 | 3 | 12 | 64 |
| Woonsocket | 24 | April 9, 1901 | W. W. Burnham, Gr. Lecturer | 46 | 28 | 13 | 6 | 93 |
| Godfrey de Bouillon. | 25 | April 17, 1901 | W. W. Burnham, Gr. Lecturer | 60 | 21 | 6 | 12 | 99 |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | Feb. 4, 1901 | G. E. Hilton, Dep. Gr. Commander. | 96 | 18 | 0 | 57 | 171 |
| Narragansett | 27 | May 23, 1901 | C. I. Litchfield, Gr. Sword Bearer | 22 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 30 |
| William Parkman | 28 | April 11, 1901 | E. B. Young, Gr. Standard Bearer | 83 | 25 | 82 | 29 | 219 |
| Bristol | 29 | Mar. 1, 1901 | E. A. Blodgett, Gr. Jun. Warden | 27 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 51 |
| Northampton | 30 | May 13, 1901 | A. F. Welch, Gr. Lecturer | 36 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 49 |
| South Shore | 31 | Feb. 11, 1901 | W. W. Burnham, Gr. Lecturer | 41 | 34 | 32 | 22 | 129 |
| Trinity | 32 | Feb. 6, 1901 | F. C. Hersey, Gr. Capt -General | 35 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 54 |
| Natick | 33 | May 13, 1901 | G. H. Kenyon, Gr. Generalissimo | 26 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 46 |
| Cœur de Lion | 34 | Feb. 19, 1901 | T. J. Evans, Gr. Lecturer | 124 | 15 | 104 | 58 | 301 |
| Gethsemane | 35 | Mar. 26, 1901 | G. H. Kenyon, Gr. Generalissimo | 70 | 6 | 48 | 42 | 166 |
| Olivet | 36 | Feb. 6, 1901 | J. D. Monroe, Gr. Warder | 66 | 9 | 18 | 27 | 120 |
| Athol | 37 | May 8, 1901 | C. E. Pierce, Gr. Capt. of Guards | 22 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 48 |
| Bay State | 38 | Mar. 18, 1901 | F. C. Hersey, Gr. Capt.-General | 68 | 16 | 33 | 13 | 130 |
| Cyprus | 39 | Jan. 24, 1901 | F. C. Hersey, Gr. Capt.-General | 50 | 27 | 5 | 17 | 99 |
| St. Paul | 40 | Mar. 8, 1901 | A. F. Welch, Gr. Lecturer | 57 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 73 |
| Beauseant | 41 | April 22, 1901 | G. H. Kenyon, Gr. Generalissimo | 76 | 8 | 76 | 25 | 185 |
| Cambridge | 42 | April 3, 1901 | G. H. Kenyon, Gr. Generalissimo | 51 | 16 | 28 | 18 | 113 |
| Bethlehem | 43 | April 8, 1901 | A. F. Welch, Gr. Lecturer | 58 | 0 | 22 | 4 | 87 |
| St. George | 44 | May 23, 1901 | C. E. Pierce, Gr. Capt. of Guards | 45 | 0 | 31 | 21 | 97 |
| Orange | 45 | Mar. 7, 1901 | C. E. Pierce, Gr. Capt. of Guards | 19 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 40 |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | June 27, 1901 | G. E. Hilton, Dep. Gr. Commander. | 34 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 40 |
| Totals | .. | | | 2,873 | 738 | 1,255 | 971 | 5,837 |

## DETAILED REPORT OF INSPECTIONS.—Continued.

| NAME OF COMMANDERY. | No. of Commandery. | Number of Uniforms owned by Commandery. | Active Members. | Honorary Members. | Total Members. | Life Members. | Order Conferred. | Number of Candidates. | Rendition of Ritual. | Military Appearance. | Floor Movements. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | 462 | 692 | 2 | 694 | 76 | R. C... | 1 | Good | Fine | Good |
| Boston | 2 | 600 | 946 | 13 | 946 | 346 | R. C... | 5 | Good | Good | Good |
| Newburyport | 3 | 100 | 154 | 4 | 158 | 0 | R. C... | 1 | Poor | Poor | Bad |
| Washington | 4 | 151 | 202 | 3 | 205 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Fair | Poor | Bad |
| Worcester County | 5 | 400 | 608 | 1 | 608 | 0 | R. C... | 1 | Extra | Good | Good |
| Springfield | 6 | 450 | 667 | 0 | 667 | 2 | R. C... | 2 | Good | Good | Extra |
| De Molay | 7 | 400 | 749 | 1 | 750 | 155 | R. C... | 6 | Extra | Extra | Extra |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | 246 | 292 | 0 | 292 | 15 | Temple | 1 | Good | Good | Good |
| Pilgrim | 9 | 240 | 243 | 3 | 243 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Extra | Poor | Fair |
| Palestine | 10 | 211 | 278 | 13 | 278 | 0 | R. C... | 3 | Extra | Good | Extra |
| Milford | 11 | 182 | 228 | 1 | 229 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Extra | Fair | Fair |
| St. Bernard | 12 | 87 | 87 | 0 | 87 | 0 | R. C... | 1 | Good | Poor | Good |
| Calvary | 13 | 250 | 444 | 0 | 444 | 21 | Temple | 1 | Extra | Extra | Fine |
| Haverhill | 14 | 235 | 264 | 4 | 268 | 14 | R. C... | 1 | Good | Good | Good |
| Old Colony | 15 | 130 | 178 | 1 | 179 | 0 | R C.&T | 2 | Good | Fair | Fair |
| Sutton | 16 | 160 | 307 | 0 | 307 | 44 | R. C... | 4 | Fair | Good | Fair |
| Bethany | 17 | 242 | 296 | 0 | 296 | 110 | R. C... | 1 | Extra | Extra | Good |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | 192 | 218 | 1 | 219 | 2 | R. C... | 1 | Fair | Good | Fair |
| Jerusalem | 19 | 200 | 231 | 10 | 241 | 18 | R. C... | 1 | Fair | Good | Good |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | 228 | 354 | 2 | 356 | 14 | R C... | 5 | Extra | Good | Extra |
| St. Omer | 21 | 170 | 267 | 1 | 268 | 54 | R. C... | 1 | Fair | Fair | Poor |
| Berkshire | 22 | 115 | 160 | 4 | 160 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Fair | Good | Poor |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | 146 | 177 | 0 | 177 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Extra | Good | Good |
| Woonsocket | 24 | 123 | 237 | 0 | 237 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Extra | Fair | Fair |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | 132 | 216 | 0 | 216 | 16 | Temple | 1 | Extra | Fair | Fair |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | 300 | 430 | 8 | 438 | 79 | Temple | 1 | Extra | Fine | Fine |
| Narragansett | 27 | 90 | 122 | 0 | 122 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Extra | Good | Good |
| William Parkman | 28 | 284 | 308 | 12 | 320 | 11 | R. C... | 5 | Good | Good | Poor |
| Bristol | 29 | 150 | 199 | 1 | 200 | 0 | R. C... | 2 | Fair | Good | Fair |
| Northampton | 30 | 100 | 160 | 1 | 161 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Fair | Fair | Fair |
| South Shore | 31 | 150 | 239 | 2 | 241 | 2 | R. C... | 1 | Fine | Fair | Fine |
| Trinity | 32 | 175 | 218 | 0 | 218 | 0 | R. C... | 5 | Fine | Good | Good |
| Natick | 33 | 125 | 177 | 2 | 179 | 2 | R. C... | 5 | Good | Good | Good |
| Cœur de Lion | 34 | 250 | 374 | 13 | 387 | 0 | R. C... | 6 | Good | Good | Good |
| Gethsemane | 35 | 180 | 310 | 4 | 314 | 6 | Temple | 2 | Good | Good | Good |
| Olivet | 36 | 223 | 253 | 2 | 255 | 10 | R. C... | 1 | Good | Good | Poor |
| Athol | 37 | 100 | 121 | 2 | 123 | 5 | R. C... | 1 | Good | Poor | Good |
| Bay State | 38 | 282 | 323 | 0 | 323 | 27 | Temple | 2 | Good | Good | Good |
| Cyprus | 39 | 170 | 249 | 2 | 251 | 0 | R. C... | 2 | Good | Good | Good |
| St. Paul | 40 | 115 | 126 | 2 | 128 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Good | Good | Good |
| Beauseant | 41 | 220 | 284 | 7 | 291 | 3 | Temple | 1 | Good | Good | Good |
| Cambridge | 42 | 142 | 237 | 7 | 244 | 0 | Temple | 1 | Good | Good | Fair |
| Bethlehem | 43 | 111 | 113 | 0 | 113 | 1 | Temple | 1 | Fine | Fair | Good |
| St. George | 44 | 102 | 114 | 1 | 115 | 0 | R. C... | 1 | Good | Good | Good |
| Orange | 45 | 75 | 106 | 0 | 106 | 0 | R. C... | 1 | Good | Good | Good |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | 82 | 82 | 1 | 83 | 0 | R. C... | 1 | Good | Good | Good |
| Totals | .. | 9,278 | 13,040 | 131 | 13,137 | 1,033 | ........ | 85 | ... | ...... | ...... |

## DETAILED REPORT OF INSPECTIONS.—Concluded.

| Number of Red Cross and Templar Ritual. | Its Condition. | Number of Malta Rituals. | Its Condition. | Condition of Charter. | Have they Working Copy of Charter. | Appearance of Records. | How Preserved. | Have they Duplicate Records. | By-Laws Approved. | Fee for the Order. | Fee for Membership. | Annual Dues. | Life Membership Fee. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 441 | Poor | 1,008 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | Yes. | Yes. | $100 00 | $10 00 | $4 00 | $60 00 |
| 423 | Good | 1,005 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | Yes. | Yes. | 75 00 | 50 00 | 8 00 | 120 00 |
| 429 | Good | 1,009 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Fair ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | ....... |
| 448 | Poor | 369 | Good | Good... | No.. | Poor... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 100 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 431 | Worn | 1,028 | Good | Extra.. | Yes. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 75 00 | 20 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 430 | Good | 1,011 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 75 00 |
| 422 | Good | 1,006 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 75 00 | 50 00 | 8 00 | 120 00 |
| 434 | Good | 1,012 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 100 00 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 50 00 |
| 1,272 | Good | 1,013 | Good | Good... | No.. | Fine .. | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 75 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | ....... |
| 432 | Good | 1,014 | Good | Extra.. | No.. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 75 00 | 5 00 | ....... |
| 412 | Good | 1,002 | Good | Good... | No.. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | ....... |
| 416 | Good | 1,015 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | No.. | 75 60 | 25 00 | 15 00 | ....... |
| 1,348 | Good | 1,016 | Good | Poor... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 100 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 60 00 |
| 433 | Good | 1,017 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 125 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 424 | Fair | 1,018 | Good | Extra.. | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 45 00 | 10 00 | 3 00 | ....... |
| 410 | Good | 1,010 | Good | Extra.. | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 60 00 |
| 427 | Good | 1,019 | Good | Extra.. | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 2 00 | 50 00 |
| 445 | Good | 1,020 | Good | Extra.. | No.. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 438 | Fair | 1,021 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 417 | Fair | 1,022 | Good | Extra.. | No.. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 451 | Worn | 1,003 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 75 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 442 | Fair | 1,023 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | Yes. | Yes. | 40 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | ....... |
| 439 | Good | 1,024 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | ........ | 2 00 | ....... |
| 437 | Fair | 1,025 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | No.. | 40 00 | 15 00 | 2 00 | ....... |
| 435 | Fair | 1,026 | Good | Good... | No.. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 426 | Fine | 1,027 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Fair ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 15 00 | 8 00 | 120 00 |
| 446 | Good | 1,000 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 5 00 | 4 00 | ....... |
| 411 | Good | 370 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 443 | Good | 1,001 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 60 00 |
| 452 | Good | 1,029 | Good | Extra.. | No.. | Good. . | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 50 00 |
| 453 | Poor | 1,030 | Good | Good... | No.. | Fine ... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 60 00 |
| 425 | Poor | 1,031 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 70 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 60 00 |
| 428 | Good | 1,032 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 60 00 |
| 408 | Fair | 1,033 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 7 00 | ....... |
| 409 | Good | 371 | Good | Extra.. | No.. | Good... | Well. | No . | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 415 | Good | 1,004 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 125 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 420 | Good | 1,007 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 30 00 | ........ | 5 00 | ...... |
| 418 | Worn | 1,034 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 60 00 |
| 413 | Poor | 372 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 440 | Good | 1,035 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 5 00 | 4 00 | 60 00 |
| 373 | Good | 1,334 | Good | Good... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 80 00 |
| 407 | Good | 1,037 | Good | Good... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 419 | Fair | 374 | Good | Extra.. | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 436 | Poor | 375 | Good | Extra.. | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 50 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| 1,215 | Good | 376 | Good | Fair ... | Yes. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 30 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | ...... |
| 1,228 | Good | 377 | Good | Fine ... | No.. | Good... | Well. | No.. | Yes. | 40 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 75 00 |
| ..... | ...... | ..... | ...... | ....... | ...... | ........ | ...... | ..... | ..... | ........ | ........ | ...... | ....... |

## TABLE SHOWING COMMANDERIES HAVING LARGEST MEMBERSHIP.

| Grand Commandery. | Name of Commandery. | Location. | No. of Members. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pennsylvania | Pittsburg, No. 1 | Pittsburg | 971 |
| Mass. and Rhode Island | Boston, No. 2 | Boston | 950 |
| Illinois | Apollo, No. 1 | Chicago | 653 |
| Connecticut | Washington, No. — | Hartford | 624 |
| Missouri | St. Aldemar, No. 18 | St. Louis | 558 |
| District of Columbia | Columbia, No. 2 | Washington | 554 |
| New York | Apollo, No. 15 | Troy | 552 |
| Kentucky | De Molay, No. 12 | Louisville | 521 |
| Ohio | Oriental, No. 12 | Cleveland | 521 |
| Michigan | Detroit, No. 1 | Detroit | 468 |
| Maine | Portland, No. 2 | Portland | 434 |
| California | Los Angeles, No. 9 | Los Angeles | 421 |
| Colorado | Colorado, No. 1 | Denver | 395 |
| Wisconsin | Wisconsin, No. 1 | Milwaukee | 350 |
| New Hampshire | Trinity, No. — | Manchester | 321 |
| Vermont | Palestine, No. 5 | St. Johnsbury | 285 |
| Maryland | Maryland, No. 1 | Baltimore | 267 |
| Kansas | Topeka, No. 5 | Topeka | 264 |
| New Jersey | Cyrene, No. 7 | Camden | 258 |
| Iowa | Temple, No. 4 | Des Moines | 221 |
| Nebraska | Mt. Calvary, No. 1 | Omaha | 215 |
| Texas | Colorado, No. 4 | Austin | 203 |
| Washington | Seattle, No. 2 | Seattle | 191 |
| Georgia | Cœur de Lion, No. 4 | Atlanta | 182 |
| North Dakota | Auvergne, No. 2 | Fargo | 181 |
| West Virginia | Kanawha, No. 4 | Charleston | 180 |
| Oregon | Oregon, No. 1 | Portland | 175 |
| Indiana | Rapier, No. 1 | Indianapolis | 167 |
| Tennessee | Cœur de Lion, No. 9 | Knoxville | 166 |
| Virginia | De Molay, No. 4 | Lynchburg | 161 |
| Alabama | Cyrene, No. 10 | Birmingham | 158 |
| Louisiana | Jacques, No. 2 | New Orleans | 152 |
| South Dakota | Cyrene, No. 2 | Sioux Falls | 122 |
| Arkansas | Hugh de Payens, No. 1 | Little Rock | 102 |
| Wyoming | Wyoming, No 1 | Cheyenne | 98 |
| Arizona | Arizona, No. 1 | Tuscon | 96 |
| Mississippi | Cyrene, No. 9 | Meridian | 96 |
| Montana | Helena, No. 2 | Helena | 93 |
| North Carolina | Charlotte, No. 2 | Charlotte | 84 |
| Indian Territory | Muskogee, No. 1 | Muskogee | 80 |
| Florida | Damascus, No. 2 | Jacksonville | 79 |
| Oklahoma | Pawnee, No. 7 | Pawnee | 79 |

## ADDRESSES OF GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES.

| Grand Commandery of | Grand Commander. | Address. |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | Robert Moulthrop | Eufaula, Ala. |
| Arizona | Frederick C. Brecht | Prescott, Ari. |
| Arkansas | Edgar A McCulloch | Marannia, Ark. |
| California | George B. McKee | San Jose, Cal. |
| Colorado | George W. Roe | Pueblo, Col. |
| Connecticut | Albert S. Comstock | Norwich, Conn. |
| District of Columbia | George Gibson | Washington, D. C. |
| Florida | William S. Ware | Jacksonville, Fla. |
| Georgia | Ernest A. Cutts | Savannah, Ga. |
| Illinois | Charles P. Kane | Springfield, Ill. |
| Indiana | Leonidas P. Newby | Knightstown, Ind. |
| Indian Territory | Zachary T. Walrond | Muskogee, I. T. |
| Iowa | William H. Norris | Manchester, Ia. |
| Kansas | Edward W. Wellington | Ellsworth, Kan. |
| Kentucky | Henry T. Jefferson | Louisville, Ky. |
| Louisiana | Gorham Surghor | New Orleans, La. |
| Maine | Clayton J. Farrington | Lewiston, Me. |
| Maryland | Graham Dukehart | Baltimore, Md. |
| Michigan | Charles R Hawley | Bay City, Mich. |
| Minnesota | John W. Chamberlin | St. Paul, Minn. |
| Mississippi | Harry T. Howard | Boloxi, Miss. |
| Missouri | Horace G. Clark | St. Louis, Mo. |
| Montana | James H. Monteath | Browning, Mont. |
| Nebraska | Samuel P. Davidson | Tecumseh, Neb. |
| New Hampshire | Frank L. Sanders | Concord, N. H. |
| New Jersey | Josiah S. Davidson | Washington, N. J. |
| New Mexico | Edward L. Bartlett | Santa Fé, N. M. |
| New York | Erastus C. Delavan | Binghampton, N. Y. |
| North Carolina | DeWitt E. Allen | Charlotte, N. C. |
| North Dakota | Almond L. Woods | Grafton, N. D. |
| Ohio | William L. Bates | Dayton, O. |
| Oklahoma | Julius C. Cross, Jr | King Fisher, O. T. |
| Oregon | Frank A. Moore | Portland, Ore. |
| Pennsylvania | Thomas F. Penman | Scranton. Penn. |
| South Dakota | Morris H. Kelley | Aberdeen, S. D. |
| Tennessee | William T. Hope | Chattanooga, Tenn. |
| Texas | Frederick M. Gilbough | Galveston, Tex |
| Vermont | Daniel Payson | Winsor, Vt. |
| Virginia | J. E. Alexander | Alexandria, Va. |
| Washington | John Lillie | Port Townsend, Wash. |
| West Virginia | John K. F. Steele | Keystone, W. Va. |
| Wisconsin | C. A. Lameraux | Ashland, Wis. |
| Wyoming | T. Sedden Taliaferro | Green River, Wyo. |

## ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS.

| Grand Commandery of | Grand Recorder. | Address. |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | Geo. A. Beauchamp | Montgomery, Ala. |
| Arizona | Geo. J. Roskruge | Tucson, Ariz. |
| Arkansas | Fay Hempstead | Little Rock, Ark. |
| California | William A. Davies | San Francisco, Cal. |
| Colorado | William D. Todd | Denver, Col. |
| Connecticut | Eli C. Birdsey | Meriden, Conn. |
| District of Columbia | Arvine W. Johnston | Washington, D. C. |
| Florida | Wilber L. Webster | Jacksonville, Fla. |
| Georgia | William S. Rockwell | Savannah, Ga. |
| Illinois | Gil. W. Barnard | Chicago, Ill. |
| Indiana | Calvin W. Prather | Indianapolis, Ind. |
| Indian Territory | Joseph S. Murrow | Atoke, I. T. |
| Iowa | J. E. Cherry | Creston, Ia. |
| Kansas | Thomas J. Anderson | Topeka, Kan. |
| Kentucky | Alfred H. Bryant | Covington, Ky. |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans, La. |
| Maine | Stephen Berry | Portland, Me. |
| Maryland | John H. Miller | Baltimore, Md. |
| Mass. and Rhode Island | Benjamin W. Rowell | Boston, Mass. |
| Michigan | Henry L. Anthony | Sturgis, Mich. |
| Minnesota | Thos. Montgomery | St. Paul, Minn. |
| Mississippi | Frederic Speed | Vicksburg, Miss. |
| Missouri | Wm. H. Mayo | St. Louis, Mo. |
| Montana | Edward D. Neill | Helena, Mont. |
| Nebraska | Fancis E. White | Plattsmouth, Neb. |
| New Hampshire | Frank D Woodbury | Concord, N. H. |
| New Jersey | Charles Bechtel | Trenton, N. J. |
| New York | Arthur MacArthur | Troy, N. Y. |
| North Carolina | James C. Munds | Wilmington, N. C. |
| North Dakota | Frank J. Thompson | Fargo, N. D. |
| Ohio | John N. Bell | Dayton, Ohio. |
| Oklahoma | DeForrest D. Leach | Oklahoma, O. T. |
| Oregon | James F. Robinson | Eugene, Ore. |
| Pennsylvania | William W. Allen | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| South Dakota | Geo. A. Pettigrew | Flandreau, S. D. |
| Tennessee | John B. Garrett | Nashville, Tenn. |
| Texas | John C. Kidd | Houston, Tex. |
| Vermont | Warren G. Reynolds | Burlington, Vt. |
| Virginia | James B. Blanks | Petersburg, Va. |
| Washington | Yancy C. Blalock | Walla Walla, Wash. |
| West Virginia | Robert C. Dunington | Fairmont, W. Va. |
| Wisconsin | William W. Perry | Milwaukee, Wis. |
| Wyoming | Adrian J. Parshall | Cheyenne, Wyo. |
| Grand Encampment, U. S. | John A. Gerow | Detroit, Mich. |
| Canada | Will H. Whyte | Montreal, Can. |
| England and Wales | C. F. Matier | Great Queen Street, London, W. C. |
| Ireland | D. Croothwaite | Dublin, Ire. |
| Victoria, Aus. | J. C. Kennedy | Melbourne, Aus. |

## COMMITTEES ON CORRESPONDENCE.

| Grand Commandery of | Committee. | Address. |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | George F. Moore | Montgomery, Ala. |
| Arizona | Charles D. Belden | Phœnix, Ariz. |
| Arkansas | Charles E. Rosenbaum | Little Rock, Ark. |
| California | William A. Davies | San Francisco, Cal. |
| Colorado | Harper M. Orahood | Denver, Col. |
| Connecticut | Hugh Stirling | Bridgeport, Conn. |
| District of Columbia | George H. Walker | Washington, D. C. |
| Florida | Walter P. Webster | Jacksonville, Fla. |
| Georgia | Roland B. Hall | Macon, Ga. |
| Illinois | John C. Smith | Chicago, Ill. |
| Indiana | Simeon S. Johnson | Jeffersonville, Ind. |
| Indian Territory | Joseph S. Murrow | Atoke, I. T. |
| Iowa | J. C. W. Coxe, D. D | Washington, D. C. |
| Kansas | Wm. M. Shaver. | Topeka, Kan. |
| Kentucky | Charles R. Woodruff | Louisville, Ky. |
| Louisiana | Samuel M. Todd | New Orleans, La. |
| Maine | Stephen Berry | Portland, Me. |
| Maryland | John H. Miller | Baltimore, Md. |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island. | Henry W. Rugg, D. D | Providence, R. I. |
| Michigan | Henry L. Anthony | Sturgis, Mich. |
| Minnesota | Thos. Montgomery | St. Paul, Minn. |
| Mississippi | Geo. DeLap | Natchez, Miss. |
| Missouri | Wm. H. Mayo | St. Louis, Mo. |
| Montana | Cornelius Hedges | Helena, Mont. |
| Nebraska | Francis E. White | Plattsmouth, Neb. |
| New Hampshire | A. S. Waitt | Newport, N. H. |
| New Jersey | Peter McGill | Lambertville, N. J. |
| New York | Jesse B. Anthony | Troy, N. Y. |
| North Carolina | James Southgate | Durham, N. C. |
| Ohio | John N. Bell | Dayton, Ohio. |
| Oregon | J M. Hodson | Portland, Oregon. |
| Pennsylvania | Lee S. Smith | Pittsburg, Pa. |
| South Dakota | Samuel H. Jumper | Aberdeen, S. D. |
| Tennessee | George H. Morgan | |
| Texas | R. M. Elgin | Houston, Tex. |
| Vermont | Kittredge Haskins | Brattleboro, Vt. |
| Washington | Yancy C. Blalock | Walla Walla, Wash. |
| West Virginia | W. W. Van Winkle | |
| Wisconsin | William C. Swain | Milwaukee, Wis. |
| Wyoming | Jesse Knight | Cheyenne, Wyo. |
| Grand Encampment U. S | | |

## REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

| GRAND COMMANDERY OF | REPRESENTATIVE. | RESIDENCE. |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule | South Boston, Mass. |
| Arizona | E. Sir E. Bentley Young | Boston, Mass. |
| Arkansas | R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse | Roxbury, Mass. |
| California | R. E. Sir James Swords | Boston, Mass. |
| Colorado | E. Sir Smith B. Harrington | Wollaston Heights, Mass. |
| Connecticut | E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis | Providence, R. I. |
| District of Columbia | R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence | Medford, Mass. |
| Florida | E. Sir Henry S. Rowe | Boston, Mass. |
| Georgia | E. Sir Henry G. Jordan | Boston, Mass. |
| Illinois | E. Sir Newton D. Arnold | Providence, R I. |
| Indiana | E. Sir James H. Upham | Dorchester, Mass. |
| Indian Territory | E. Sir Walter W. Burnham | Providence, R. I. |
| Iowa | E. Sir George H. Kenyon | Providence, R. I. |
| Kansas | R. E. Sir Walter Cutting | Pittsfield, Mass. |
| Kentucky | R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn | Newport, R. I. |
| Louisiana | E. Sir George E. Stacy | Milford, Mass. |
| Maryland | R. E. Sir George H. Burnham | Providence, R. I. |
| Maine | E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey | Boston, Mass. |
| Minnesota | R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott | Lowell, Mass. |
| Mississippi | E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell | Lynn, Mass. |
| Missouri | R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson | Lowell, Mass. |
| Montana | R. E. Sir Winthrop Messenger | Melrose, Mass. |
| Nebraska | R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg | Providence, R. I. |
| New Hampshire | R. E. Sir George L. Shepley | Providence, R. I. |
| New Jersey | R. E. Sir William R. Walker | Pawtucket, R. I. |
| New York | R. E. Sir George H. Allen | Lynn, Mass. |
| North Carolina | R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman | Central Falls, R. I. |
| North Dakota | E. Sir Charles E. Pierce | South Boston, Mass. |
| Ohio | R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders | Lawrence, Mass. |
| Oregon | E. Sir Harry Hunt | Melrose, Mass. |
| Pennsylvania | E. Sir Arthur G. Pollard | Lowell, Mass. |
| South Dakota | E. Sir George E. Hilton | Lynn, Mass. |
| Tennessee | E. Sir Charles H. Crane | Somerville, Mass. |
| Texas | E. Sir J. Albert Blake | Haverhill, Mass. |
| Vermont | R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain | Worcester, Mass. |
| Virginia | E. Sir Charles C. Spellman | Springfield, Mass. |
| Washington | E. Sir Samuel B. Spooner | Springfield, Mass. |
| West Virginia | E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew | Providence, R. I. |
| Wisconsin | R. E. Sir Edward P. Chapin | Springfield, Mass. |
| Wyoming | E. Sir Eugene A. Holton | Boston, Mass. |

## REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES.

| GRAND COMMANDERY OF | REPRESENTATIVES | RESIDENCE. |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | E. Sir | , Ala. |
| Arizona | E. Sir George J. Roskruge | Tucson, Ala. |
| Arkansas | R. E. Sir Charles E. Rosenbaum | Little Rock, Ark. |
| California | R. E. Sir Charles F. Lott | Oroville, Cal. |
| Colorado | R. E. Sir Lawrence N. Greenleaf | Denver, Col. |
| Connecticut | R. E. Sir Henry Woodward | Middletown, Conn. |
| District of Columbia | R. E. Sir Noble D. Larner | Washington, D. C. |
| Florida | E. Sir William H. Jewell | Orlando, Fla. |
| Georgia | E. Sir Joseph K. Orr | Atlanta, Ga. |
| Illinois | R. E. Sir Phil. W. Barclay | Cairo, Ill. |
| Indiana | E. Sir Leonidas P. Newby | Knightstown, Ind. |
| Indian Territory | E. Sir John F. Sharpe | Purcell, I. T. |
| Iowa | E. Sir Wilbur F. Fidlar | Davenport, Iowa. |
| Kansas | R. E. Sir Edward W. Wellington | Ellsworth, Kan. |
| Kentucky | E. Sir Henry G. Sandifer | Danville, Ky. |
| Louisiana | E. Sir Algernon S. Badger | New Orleans, La. |
| Maryland | R. E. Sir Charles McDonald, Jr. | Baltimore, Md. |
| Maine | R. E. Sir John W. Ballou | Bath, Maine. |
| Minnesota | E. Sir Alonzo T. Stebbins | Rochester, Minn. |
| Mississippi | E. Sir John S. Cobb | Verona, Miss. |
| Missouri | R. E. Sir Reuben Barney | Chillicothe, Mo. |
| Montana | E. Sir Cornelius Hedges | Helena, Mont. |
| Nebraska | E. Sir Eben K. Long | Omaha, Neb. |
| New Hampshire | | |
| New Jersey | E. Sir William H. Sebring | Plainfield, N. J. |
| New York | E. Sir Clinton F. Paige | Binghampton, N. Y. |
| North Carolina | E. Sir James K. Norfleet | Winston, N. C. |
| North Dakota | E. Sir Clarence H. Haile | Grand Forks, N. D. |
| Ohio | E. Sir John W. Chamberlain | Tiffin, Ohio. |
| Oregon | E. Sir F. A. Moore | Salem, Ore. |
| Pennsylvania | M. E. Sir John P. S. Gobin | Lebanon, Pa. |
| South Dakota | E. Sir John H. Babcock | Sioux Falls, S. D. |
| Tennessee | E. Sir Charles H. Eastman | Nashville, Tenn. |
| Texas | E. Sir John C. Kidd | Houston, Texas. |
| Vermont | E. Sir William H. S. Whitcomb | Burlington, Vt. |
| Virginia | R. E. Sir James P. Corbin | Fredericksburg, Va |
| Washington | E. Sir Horace W. Tyler | Spokane, Wash. |
| West Virginia | R. E. Sir Hugh Sterling | Wheeling, W. Va. |
| Wisconsin | R. E. Sir Oliver Libbey | Green Bay, Wis. |
| Wyoming | E. Sir Francis E. Warren | Cheyenne, Wyo. |

## DIPLOMAS DELIVERED.

As per the action of this Grand Commandery at its Annual Conclave of October, 1901, the diploma adopted at that Conclave has been lithographed, and 2,000 copies contracted for and delivered to your Grand Recorder, together with the lithograph stones which are now in the vaults of the Grand Recorder.

There have been delivered to Commanderies for Sir Knights created prior to January 1, 1901, 118 diplomas, for which the Commanderies paid the Grand Recorder one dollar each diploma; 27 of the 118 were of the old issue.

There have been delivered to Commanderies for Sir Knights created since January 1, 1901, 513 diplomas, as per the following tabulated statement:

## DIPLOMAS DELIVERED COMMANDERIES.

| COMMANDERY. | Number. | Diplomas Free. | Diplomas Paid For. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Saint John's | 1 | 24 | 1 |
| Boston | 2 | 32 | 13 |
| Newburyport | 3 | 10 | 1 |
| Washington | 4 | 1 | ...... |
| Worcester County | 5 | 27 | ...... |
| Springfield | 6 | 18 | 7 |
| De Molay | 7 | 16 | 6 |
| Pilgrim | 9 | 24 | ...... |
| Palestine | 10 | 10 | 1 |
| Milford | 11 | 19 | ...... |
| Haverhill | 14 | 3 | ...... |
| Old Colony | 15 | 6 | ...... |
| Sutton | 16 | 22 | 5 |
| Bethany | 17 | 19 | ..... |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | 5 | 2 |
| Jerusalem | 19 | 5 | ...... |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | 13 | ...... |
| Saint Omer | 21 | 13 | ...... |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | ...... | 1 |
| Woonsocket | 24 | 24 | ...... |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | 35 | 5 |
| William Parkman | 28 | 10 | 9 |
| Northampton | 30 | 3 | ...... |
| South Shore | 31 | 20 | ...... |
| Trinity | 32 | 5 | 6 |
| Natick | 33 | 8 | 8 |
| Cœur de Lion | 34 | 29 | 2 |
| Olivet | 36 | 26 | 4 |
| Athol | 37 | ...... | 10 |
| Bay State | 38 | 22 | 1 |
| Cyprus | 39 | 11 | ...... |
| Saint Paul | 40 | 5 | 14 |
| Beauseant | 41 | 10 | 1 |
| Cambridge | 42 | 18 | 4 |
| Bethlehem | 43 | 5 | ...... |
| Saint George | 44 | 4 | 15 |
| Orange | 45 | 8 | 2 |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | 3 | ...... |
| Totals | ...... | 513 | 118 |

### CONSTITUTIONS AND CODES.

In compliance with the resolution adopted October 31, 1900, by this Grand Commandery, your Grand Recorder has had printed and bound, with the Grand Encampment Code, 250 copies of the revised Code of this Grand Commandery. One copy has been delivered to each Subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction; one copy sent to each member of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and one to the Committee on By-Laws; two copies to the Grand Encampment of the United States, for their archives; one copy to the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; twelve copies to sister Grand Commanderies; and three copies have been sold; and there are 182 copies in the archives of the Grand Commandery.

### ARCHIVES.

The archives of this Grand Commandery in the library room of the office of the Grand Recorder are in good condition, and have been increased during the year by Proceedings from sister Grand Commanderies, and now contain 379 bound volumes and more than 3,000 pamphlets.

The archives lack the following Proceedings to make them complete:

ARKANSAS, 1873, '74, '75.
PENNSYLVANIA, 1853, '54, '55, '56, '57, '60, '62.
TEXAS, 1856, '57, '58, '59, '60, '62, '63, '65, '68, '74, '76, '78.
VIRGINIA, 1856, '57, '59, '60, '62, '65, '66.

### FINANCIAL REPORT.

I have received from all sources $6,954.50 as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| From the sale of diplomas | $ 118 00 |
| From the sale of certificates | 15 50 |
| From the sale of duplicate Proceedings | 5 00 |
| From the sale of Constitutions | 4 50 |
| From annual dues of Subordinates | 6,811 50 |
| Making a total of | $6,954 50 |

I have paid to Em. Sir James H. Upham, Grand Treasurer, the sum of $6,954.50 as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| May 1, 1901 | $ 107 00 |
| September 10, 1901 | 606 75 |
| September 27, 1901 | 894 50 |
| September 30, 1901 | 731 50 |
| October 1, 1901 | 601 00 |
| October 2, 1901 | 1,071 75 |
| October 4, 1901 | 1,030 50 |
| October 7, 1901 | 657 25 |
| October 9, 1901 | 277 00 |
| October 11, 1901 | 480 00 |
| October 14, 1901 | 497 25 |
| Total | $6,954 50 |

I have on hand for sale, for the benefit of the Grand Commandery, the following property:

| | |
|---|---|
| 152 copies of Constitutions and Codes at | $1 50 each |
| 214 certificates at | 25 each |

Fraternally submitted,

B. W. Rowell,
RECORDER

On motion this report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, MASS., October 30, 1901.

The Grand Treasurer hereby presents his annual report of receipts and disbursements for the past year.

#### RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1900. | | |
| Oct. 31. | Cash balance on hand | $8,303 17 |
| | Received from B. W. Rowell, Grand Recorder. | 6,954 50 |
| | Received from Trustees of the Grand Fund | 933 36 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1900. | | |
| Oct. 31. | Received from interest on bank balances. | 92 45 |
| | Received from rebates | 3 75 |
| | Total | $16,187 83 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to R. E. Grand Commander, contingent fund | $100 00 |
| Salaries | 1,083 00 |
| Rents | 1,000 00 |
| Trustees of the Grand Fund | 704 69 |
| Annual dues to Grand Encampment of the United States | 393 36 |
| For gas and electricity | 35 44 |
| Inspecting officers' expenses | 617 53 |
| Donation as per vote | 100 00 |
| Diplomas and storage of plates | 619 25 |
| Postage, telephones, and expressing | 385 78 |
| Printing the Proceedings of 1900 | 914 48 |
| Printing notices, general orders, and stationery | 708 10 |
| Printing and binding new constitutions and codes. | 180 00 |
| Flowers for funerals | 15 00 |
| Insurance | 7 50 |
| Premium on bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder | 60 00 |
| Writing seven years' records, unfinished work of Grand Recorder A. F. Chapman | 50 00 |
| Repairs on banner, &c. | 13 20 |
| Expenses at funeral of R. E. Sir Charles C. Fry | 58 49 |
| Expenses of Representatives of this Grand Commandery in attendance at Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment at Louisville, as per vote of Grand Commandery | 600 00 |
| For entertainment at headquarters at Louisville during session of Grand Encampment, as per vote | 1,797 97 |
| Balance, cash on hand to new account | 6,133 29 |
| Total | $16,187 83 |

From September 19, 1900, to December 11, 1900, your Grand Treasurer received contributions for the sufferers at Galveston, Texas, from the subordinate Commanderies, amounting to $3,338.61, all of which was paid to V. E. Sir Henry B. Stoddard, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and receipts are on file for the same.

The Grand Treasurer has in his care the following property, viz.:

The Grand Standard.
A silk United States flag and stand for the same.
Two large signs on netting, for display over the street.
Two wooden cases for safe keeping of the Grand Standard.
One canvas case for United States flag.
Two canvas bags for street signs.
Three jewels for Past Grand Commanders, and cases for the same.
Two new cases for officers' jewels.
The bond of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Grand Fund.
Policy of insurance on property in Masonic Temple, $2,500.00, to June 1, 1904.
Policy of insurance on Grand Standard, $250.00, to December 10, 1901.

Courteously and fraternally,

JAMES H. UPHAM,
*Grand Treasurer.*

This report was ordered referred to the Committee on Finance.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,
MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, MASS., October 30, 1901.

The Trustees of the Grand Fund respectfully present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of said trustees during the year ending with October 18, 1901, which have been, as the account of the Treasurer of the board shows, as follows, viz.:

JOHN CARR, *Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

RECEIPTS.

| | | | Dr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1900. | | | |
| Nov. | 16. | Warren Institution for Savings, dividend | $28 00 |
| | 16. | Eliot Five-cent Savings Bank, dividend | 39 61 |
| | 16. | Warren Institution for Savings, principal | 1,000 00 |
| | 16. | Suffolk Savings Bank, principal | 1,000 00 |
| | 16. | Home Savings Bank, principal | 1,000 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1900. | | | |
| Nov. | 16. | Eliot Five-cent Savings Bank, principal | 2,000 00 |
| 1901. | | | |
| Jan. | 28. | North End Savings Bank, principal | 1,000 00 |
| | 28. | Provident Institution for Savings | 1,000 00 |
| | 28. | North End Savings Bank, dividend | 28 00 |
| | 28. | Provident Institution for Savings, dividend | 28 00 |
| | 31. | Boston & Maine Railroad, $1,000 bond, 4½, interest | 22 50 |
| | 31. | Grand Lodge of Masons bonds, $5,000, 3½, interest | 87 50 |
| Feb. | 1. | Boston & Maine Railroad bonds, $3,000, 4 per cent. interest | 60 00 |
| March | 1. | New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad bonds, $4,000, 4 per cent | 80 00 |
| April | 1. | Boston & Lowell Railroad bonds, $3,000, 4 per cent. | 60 00 |
| | 1. | Fitchburg Railroad bonds, $2,000, 4 per cent. interest | 40 00 |
| | 1. | Mount Vernon National Bank, 15 shares dividend | 37 50 |
| | 27. | Market National Bank, 34 shares principal, 4 per cent. in liquidation | 136 00 |
| July | 2. | Boston & Maine Railroad bond, $1,000, 4½ per cent | 22 50 |
| Aug. | 1. | Grand Lodge of Masons, $7,000, 3½s | 122 50 |
| | 1. | Boston & Maine Railroad bonds, $3,000, 4s | 60 00 |
| Sept. | 6. | New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad bonds, $4,000, 4s. | 80 00 |
| Oct. | 1. | Fitchburg Railroad bonds, $2,000, 4s | 40 00 |
| | 1. | Boston & Maine Railroad bonds, $3,000, 6s | 60 00 |
| | 1. | Mount Vernon National Bank, 15 shares dividend | 37 50 |
| | 18. | Warren Institution for Savings, dividend | 21 18 |
| | 18. | Suffolk Savings Bank, dividend | 9 83 |
| | 18. | Home Savings Bank, dividend | 21 17 |
| | 18. | Eliot Five-cent Savings Bank, dividend | 38 21 |
| | 18. | North End Savings Bank, dividend | 10 50 |
| | 18. | Provident Institution for Savings | 10 50 |
| | 16. | James H. Upham, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, one-tenth income for fiscal year ending October, 1901 | 704 69 |
| | | Total | $8,885 69 |

### PAYMENTS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1900. | | | |
| Nov. | 16. | Estabrook & Co., for $5,000 Grand Lodge of Masons bonds, due 1910, 3½s, at 100¼ | $5,012 50 |
| | | Interest on same 3-15 | 51 04 |
| 1901. | | | |
| Jan. | 28. | Old Colony Trust Co., rent of box | 10 00 |
| | 28. | Ellison & Coolidge, Treasurer's bond | 50 00 |
| Feb. | 1. | Estabrook & Co., for $2,000 Grand Lodge of Masons bonds, due 1910, 3½s, at 100¼ | 2,005 00 |
| Aug. | 3. | James H. Upham, Treasurer, on account of income | 587 57 |
| Oct. | 18. | James H. Upham, Treasurer, on account of income | 346 39 |
| | 18. | Eliot Five-cent Savings Bank, deposit | 823 19 |
| | | | $8,885 69 |

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. OF MASS. AND R. I.,
BY JOHN CARR, *Treas.*

The Grand Fund consists of the following property:

| | |
|---|---|
| Oct. 1901. | |
| 15 shares Mount Vernon National Bank, par | $1,500 00 |
| 34 shares Market National Bank, $3,400, less payments $748. Valueless | 2,652 00 |
| Book No. 995, North End Savings Bank | 600 00 |
| Book No. 133,019, Suffolk Savings Bank | 300 00 |
| Book No. 57,076, Home Savings Bank | 600 00 |
| Book No. 31,984, Provident Institution for Savings Bank | 600 00 |
| Book No. 55,068, Warren Institution for Savings Bank | 600 00 |
| Book No. 36,069, Eliot Five-cent Savings Bank | 1,906 15 |
| 1 registered bond, No. 360, Boston & Maine Railroad, 4s | 3,000 00 |
| 1 coupon bond. No. 239, Boston & Maine Railroad, 4½s | 1,000 00 |
| 3 coupon bonds, Nos. 158, 159, 160, Boston & Lowell Railroad, 4s | 3,000 00 |
| 2 coupon bonds, Nos. 8,524, 8,525, Fitchburg Railroad, 4s | 2,000 00 |
| 4 coupon bonds, Nos. 2,124, 2,125, 2,126, 2,127, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, 4s | 4,000 00 |
| 7 coupon bonds Grand Lodge of Masons, 3½s | 7,000 00 |
| Total | $28,758 15 |

Would recommend charging off the Market National Bank stock as worthless.

Courteously submitted,

WINTHROP MESSENGER,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
JOHN CARR,
JAMES H. UPHAM,

*Trustees of the Grand Fund.*

The report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund was ordered referred to the Committee on Finance.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BOSTON, October 30, 1901.

*Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island :*

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and Trustees of the Grand Fund, and find the same correct, all payments being sustained by proper vouchers. They have also examined the property in the hands of the Grand Recorder, and find the same as stated in his report.

They have also examined the stock and other securities held by the Trustees of the Grand Fund, and find them correct and in accordance with their report.

The receipts of the Grand Recorder have been as follows :

| | |
|---|---|
| From returns of Subordinate Commanderies | $6,811 50 |
| Sale of diplomas | 118 00 |
| " certificates | 15 00 |
| " constitutions and codes | 4 50 |
| " Proceedings | 5 00 |
| | $6,954 50 |

Which amount has been paid the Grand Treasurer, and his receipts duly rendered therefor.

The receipts of the Grand Treasurer have been as follows :

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance, old account, cash on hand | $8,203 17 |
| Received from Grand Recorder | 6,954 50 |
| " " Trustees Grand Fund | 933 96 |
| " " interest on bank deposits | 92 45 |
| " " rebates | 3 75 |
| | $16,187 83 |

His disbursements have been as follows :

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid R. E. Grand Commander, contingent expenses | $ 100 00 |
| " salaries | 1,083 00 |
| " rents | 1,000 00 |
| " Trustees of Grand Fund | 704 69 |
| " dues to Grand Encampment U. S | 393 36 |
| " gas and electric | 35 44 |
| " inspections | 617 53 |
| " collations | 610 75 |
| " donations | 100 00 |
| " diplomas and storage of plates | 619 25 |
| " postage, telegraphing, and expressing | 385 78 |
| " printing Proceedings | 914 48 |
| " printing and stationery | 708 10 |
| " flowers for funeral | 15 00 |
| " printing constitutions and codes | 180 00 |
| " insurance | 7 50 |
| " bonds for Treasurer and Recorder | 60 00 |
| " writing seven years records, unfinished work of A. F. Chapman, former Grand Recorder | 50 00 |
| " repairs on banner, etc | 13 20 |
| " expense, funeral R. E. Sir Charles C. Fry | 58 49 |
| " expense, Representatives to Grand Encampment | 600 00 |
| " expense, Triennial Conclave | 1,797 97 |
| Balance to new account, cash on hand | 6,133 29 |
| | $16,187 83 |

Your committee would recommend that the salary of the Grand Treasurer be $200.00 and that of the Grand Recorder $800.00 for the ensuing financial year.

Courteously submitted,

ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
ALBION F. WELCH,
SMITH B. HARRINGTON,

*Finance Committee.*

On motion the report was accepted, approved, and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

## ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

*Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:*

Autumn, wreathed with the crowning glories of the year, brings us to the duties and deliberations of the Ninety-fifth Annual Conclave of this Grand Body.

The hour impresses me alike with a deep sense of grateful obligation to *Him* who has held us safely in the hollow of His hand, and whose benignant providence has been over all our works; and of thankful acknowledgments to you all for the generous measure of consideration and support I have so uniformly received.

Accept my hearty felicitations for the success which has attended our noble Order as the result of this mutual co-operation and zealous endeavor.

This is the customary and appropriate season for retrospection and review. Nature without and the heart within both naturally indulge in a backward look at the landscape which stretches behind. In the realm of mind as well as in the fields of physical endeavor such a period brings contemplation. When the ripened harvests of the hillside and plain and the golden fruitage of the orchard are gathered and safely stored, the faithful husbandman, conscious of duty well performed, rests from his labors and his works follow him. So we in this autumn season of our Knightly work may well glance backward and review the results of the year now drawing to its close.

### NECROLOGY.

"O, endless sense of rest!
And thus to journey on."

With the passing months many changes have taken place. Not alone in fields, midst waving harvests of ripened grain, has a reaper swung his sickle. A greater Reaper has not been idle. Not alone have sunny skies and smiling landscapes, precious to the sight, disappeared. From our sad gaze loved forms and faces have vanished as our dear ones passed beyond. Beyond? What is it to pass the line of mortal sight? Is it to reach the gloomy goal of endless night, or the portal of a brighter dawn? Our faith and love alike make it the entrance to eternal day.

Into that mystic realm of shadow, across that shining threshold, have gone some who were very dear to this noble Order, whose reverent memories we cherish, and whose names, in loving honor, I would now place upon our Immortal Roll.

Eminent Sir Alfred Hyatt Bryant, Past Commander of Natick Commandery, died in Cochituate, Mass., November 2d, 1900, in his 46th year.

Milford, Mass., was the place, and March 24th, 1845, the date, of his birth. Of the town of Wayland he has been a resident over 40 years, and was there engaged in business as a shoe manufacturer.

In public affairs he always took great interest. He had served as a selectman, town auditor, postmaster, and was a member of the legislature in 1886.

He was made a Mason in Meridian Lodge, of Natick, May 31, 1871, and was exalted in Parker Royal Arch Chapter December 19, 1871. Of the Chapter he was High Priest in 1874 and 1875. Knighted in Natick Commandery February 12th, 1872, he passed through the various stations, and was its Eminent Commander in 1867.

Eminent Sir Nathan Johnson Simonds, Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, of Melrose, Mass., died in Woburn, Mass., November 1st, 1900, at the age of 65 years, having been born in Burlington, Mass., October 18th, 1835.

He was raised in Mt. Horeb Lodge, of Woburn, and was its Worshipful Master in 1872 and 1873.

In Woburn Royal Arch Chapter he was exalted in 1870, and was High Priest of the Chapter in 1878 and 1879. He was Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts in 1886.

The Council degrees he received in Medford Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Medford, in 1881. He was created a Knight Templar in Hugh de Payens Commandery, of Melrose, May 12th, 1869, and presided over it as Eminent Commander in 1881 and 1882.

Eminent Sir George L. Allen, Past Commander of Worcester County Commandery, of Worcester, died at his home in Worcester, Mass., November 4th, 1900, in his 47th year.

He was a native of and had always been a resident of Worcester, where he was born December 14th, 1853, and where he was educated, and where after arriving at manhood he entered business life. He was connected for many years prior to his death with the well-known firm of William Allen & Sons, boiler makers, he being the financial partner.

As a business man he was known and recognized as a man of force, honor, and integrity.

He was an ideal military officer, commanding the respect and esteem of all under his authority, as well as of his superiors in rank.

At the age of sixteen, he enlisted as a private in the "Chamberlain Light Battery," Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, afterwards, and still, known as "Battery B." He advanced through the various grades to be captain, and was in command during 1883, 1884, and 1885. After being out of the militia for about four years, he again accepted command of the battery, and held it in 1890 and 1891.

His Masonic affiliations are thus briefly recited: Raised in Athlestan Lodge, of Worcester, May 2, 1877, he was its Worshipful Master for the year opening in November, 1881, and served with zeal and fidelity. He was exalted in Eureka Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of Worcester, December 3d, 1879.

In Worcester County Commandery he was created a Knight Templar, September 23d, 1880, and was Eminent Commander thereof in 1890 and 1891, governing his Commandery with wisdom and ability.

His true and upright life as a man and a Mason made him to be honored and loved by all who knew him.

Eminent Sir William H. Jaquith, Past Commander of Bethany Commandery, of Lawrence, Mass., died in that city on the 27th of December, 1900, aged 64 years.

He was born in Wilmington, Mass., on the 26th of June, 1836. He early developed an interest in banking affairs, and, coming to Lawrence in 1857, entered the Pemberton bank as a clerk. So well did he discharge his duties, and such marked ability in financial matters did he display, that on the retirement of the cashier, a few years later, he was chosen to that responsible position when but little more than twenty-one years of age. He continued in that position until 1876, when he was called to fill the position of cashier of the Pacific National Bank, then newly organized. This position he occupied till the day of his death. To his ability as a financier, his kind and judicious treatment of all with whom he came in contact in his official position, to his keen insight in business affairs, is due in a great measure the success of this institution, which tripled its capital during his administration.

He was made a Master Mason in Ancient York Lodge, in Lowell, December 15th, 1858; demitting from that Lodge, he became a member of Grecian Lodge, Lawrence, in 1859. He was a charter member of Mount Sinai Royal Arch Chapter, and its High Priest in 1864 and 1865. Knighted in Pilgrim Commandery, he became later a charter member of Bethany Commandery, and its Eminent Commander in 1866, 1867, and 1868.

He was a good citizen, a worthy Mason, a true and courteous Sir Knight.

Eminent Sir John Anson Lee, Past Commander of Sutton Commandery, of New Bedford, Mass., died in that city, February 23d, 1901, aged 72 years.

He was a prominent member of the Craft, having been raised in Eureka Lodge, F. & A. M., January 3d, 1862, and was its Worshipful Master in 1866, '67, and '68. He was exalted in Adoniram Chapter, February 5th, 1863, and served it as High Priest in 1868, '69, '70.

Of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts he was

District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth District during the years 1869, '70, and '71, and of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts he was a District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1873 and '74, and Right Excellent Grand King in 1875.

Em. Sir Knight Lee was Knighted in Calvary Commandery, Providence, R. I., February 3d, 1864. In September of the same year he demitted to, and became a charter member of, Sutton Commandery, of which body he was Eminent Commander in 1871, '72, and '73. At the time of his death he was its Excellent Prelate.

Of New Bedford, the city of his adoption, he having been born in Somerset, Mass., he was superintendent of streets in 1875 and 1876, and again in 1879 and 1880. As a member of its common council, he served in 1887 and 1888.

In his death the community lost a good citizen, a generous neighbor, and a true friend, and the Masonic Fraternity a zealous and reliable worker.

Eminent Sir STEPHEN BREWER BALKAM, Past Commander of Cyprus Commandery, of Hyde Park, entered into rest February 23, 1901, aged 58 years.

He was a native of Robbinston, Maine, and was made a Mason and became a member of Hyde Park Lodge, September 17, 1877, and was its Worshipful Master in 1882 and 1883. As a Capitular Mason he was exalted in Norfolk Royal Arch Chapter, November 14, 1876.

He was Knighted in Cyprus Commandery January 23, 1879, and was its Eminent Commander in 1883 and 1884, and its Treasurer the twelve succeeding years.

Em. Sir Knight Balkam was peculiarly adapted by temperament and constitution to appreciate and regard the principles and teachings of our Fraternity, and they early won a prominent place in his regard and confidence. He always had a reason for the faith that was in him, and a willingness to hear the other side. His charities were numerous and unostentatious; never turning a deaf ear to the necessities of a worthy brother, he accounting all mankind his brothers. His earnest, courageous, unselfish life, his warm and generous heart, and his daily demeanor exemplified the spirit of the true Knight Templar, "without fear and without reproach."

Eminent Sir DAVID W. CRAFTS, the first Commander of Northampton Commandery, of Northampton, Mass., died at his home in that city, following a short illness, March 12th, 1901, at the age of 81 years.

Eminent Sir Knight Crafts was a native of Whately, Mass., and since arriving at manhood has always followed an active business career.

He was superintendent of the Northampton Gas Light Co. at the time of his decease, a position he had filled with unusual success for thirty years.

He was a devoted member of the craft, taking great interest in the prosperity of all the local Masonic bodies.

Raised in Jerusalem Lodge in 1952, he was its Worshipful Master in 1856, 1857, and 1858. Exalted in Northampton Royal Arch Chapter in 1854, he was its High Priest from 1859 to 1863. Of William Parsons Council of Royal and Select Masters, he was a charter member.

Eminent Sir Knight Crafts was prominent in the organization of Northampton Commandery as one of its charter members, and was its Eminent Commander under dispensation in 1870, and the two following years under the charter.

Of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts he had been a District Deputy Grand Master of the 13th Masonic District, and, as a Past Senior Grand Warden in 1971, was a permanent member of that Grand Body.

Eminent Sir JOHN SEWALL READ, Past Commander of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, of Pawtucket, R. I., died in that city, March 25th, 1901, aged 60 years.

He was a native of Pawtucket, having been born in that city, then a town, July 19th, 1840. In the affairs of the city of Pawtucket he took deep and active interest, his advice and counsel being often sought.

During the civil war he was employed by the United States government as a plumber in the navy yard at Portsmouth,

N. H., later returning to Pawtucket; he there established himself in the plumbing business.

In the custom house, at Providence, R. I., he held position for two terms of four years each. In 1895 he was elected inspector of plumbing for the city of Pawtucket, which office he held at the time of his decease. Socially and officially he was a courteous and agreeable gentleman, and few in Pawtucket had more acquaintances or personal friends than he.

Em. Sir Knight Read was made a Mason in Union Lodge, No. 10, Pawtucket, R. I., September 27th, 1865. In Pawtucket Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, he was exalted April 19th, 1866. The Council degrees he received in Pawtucket Council of Royal and Select Masters.

He was Knighted in Holy Sepulchre Commandery, at Pawtucket, June 21, 1866. Following an experience received in filling several stations in the Commandery, he was installed Eminent Commander in both 1873 and 1874.

Eminent Sir ALBERT E. FOTH, Past Commander of Springfield Commandery, of Springfield, died in that city May 2nd, 1901, in his 76th year.

The deceased was a native of Germany, where, before coming to these shores, he received a liberal education, he being a man well versed in English classics.

As early as 1849 he came to Springfield and was soon engaged in the merchant tailoring business. His health failing, he went abroad for a time, and after returning, engaged himself in the manufacture of collars and paper mache goods. His assiduous attention to business, his genial ways and generous disposition, won for him a prosperous vocation and many friends. In the city government he had served as a councilman and as an alderman.

The social side of his nature materially aided his enjoyment of his Masonic affiliations.

Originally a member of Hampden Lodge, of Springfield, he became a charter member of Roswell Lee Lodge in 1864.

Of Morning Star Royal Arch Chapter, in which he was exalted in 1858, he was High Priest in 1865 and 1866.

Springfield Commandery conferred upon him the Knights Templar orders in 1859, and in 1867 gave to him the highest office in its gift, that of Eminent Commander.

He was Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts in 1864, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, in 1864, 1865, and 1866. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N. M. J., he attained the 32nd degree in 1865.

Eminent Sir JOSIAH H. PRINDLE, the second Commander in point of seniority of Northampton Commandery, died in that city, May 16th, 1901, aged 70 years.

Like the late Eminent Sir Knight Crafts, he was a zealous Mason and a constant attendant at the meetings of the Fraternity. In their deaths, the Fraters of Northampton have suffered a great loss, for, while both had passed their "three score years and ten," their example of Masonic fidelity will be everlasting.

He was made a Mason in Jerusalem Lodge, of Northampton, in 1859, and was one of its Past Masters, having filled the chair in 1864. He was exalted in Northampton Royal Arch Chapter in 1861, and was its High Priest in 1865 and 1866. He was also a charter member of William Parsons Council of Royal and Select Masters.

As a Knight Templar, Eminent Sir Knight Prindle in 1870 added his name to the roll of Northampton Commandery as a charter member. He was its Excellent Prelate in 1871, and its Eminent Commander in 1873, succeeding the late Em. Sir Knight Crafts.

Eminent Sir EZEKIEL CHAMPLIN GARDNER, Past Commander of Sutton Commandery, of New Bedford, Mass., died in that city, August 10, 1901, in his 63d year.

Born in Exeter, R. I., February 1st, 1839, he early went to Providence and there learned the trade of a printer, at which trade he continued until the civil war broke out, when he enlisted in Company D, Second Rhode Island Volunteers. After twenty-eight months in the field, becoming ill, he was transferred to the Invalid Corps, and served as a clerk in the Portsmouth Grove (R. I.) Hospital. Honorably discharged

June 6th, 1864, he resumed work at his trade, and in 1865 became a citizen of New Bedford. Becoming active in municipal politics in that city, he served as councilman and alderman, and twice was honored with the appointment of chief of police. During the last year of his life he was an overseer of the poor.

He was raised in and became a member of Star In The East Lodge, of New Bedford, May 18th, 1867, and from January, 1877, to January, 1880, served as Worshipful Master. June 17th, 1874, he was exalted in Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter, and on January 19th, 1876, was Knighted in Sutton Commandery. He was its Eminent Commander during the years 1886 and 1887.

Sir Knight Gardner was an honest, upright, and faithful member of the Order. He leaves an example which we all might strive to emulate. Like others who have laid down their work, he has only gone before, to welcome us on the other shore, where exists a reunited brotherhood.

Eminent Sir George Willis Walker, Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery, of Malden, died at his residence in that city, October 4th, 1901, aged 74 years.

Born in Exeter, Maine, August 27th, 1827; educated in its public schools, he, at the age of 18, left the scenes and associations of his boyhood to seek his fortune. Coming to Boston, possessed of an unlimited amount of courage and perseverance, he engaged in the stove business as a clerk.

In 1858 he entered the stove and furnace business on his own account; his industry, integrity, and good nature securing a prosperous business.

Since 1874 he was the president and chief executive of the Walker & Pratt Manufacturing Company, marked success attending his administration of its affairs.

A resident of Malden since 1869, he has ever taken an active interest in the welfare of the city. He was chairman of the board of selectmen during the last two years of town government. He was sinking fund commissioner of Malden for fifteen years; trustee of its public library over twenty years, and water commissioner twelve years. He represented Malden as a representative in the State legislature in 1885 and 1886, and was a presidential elector in 1892.

In the interest of religion he was a consistent worker from his youth up, being an honored, faithful and valued member of the First Trinitarian Church of Malden.

Mount Vernon Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Malden, made our deceased Brother a Mason, May 6th, 1886. October 6th, 1867, he became a charter member of Converse Lodge, and since December 14, 1891, was a trustee of the members' fund.

In November, 1886, he was exalted in and was a charter member of Tabernacle Royal Arch Chapter, and in 1889 joined Melrose Council of Royal and Select Masters.

The orders of Knighthood were conferred upon Companion Walker in January and March, 1887, in Beauseant Commandery, of Malden, and, after serving a term as Generalissimo, he was its Eminent Commander for the year ending September 28th, 1892.

In all his Masonic relations he was as valiant and magnanimous as any Knight that ever drew a sword or poised a lance.

His sterling integrity, his generous spirit, and his good judgment endeared him to all who came within the circle of his influence. His word was his bond; his genial spirit drove all care away.

He leaves behind him only pleasant memories.

## OFFICERS IN SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

But death has not selected this jurisdiction only. It has crossed the border lands and taken from sister Grand Jurisdictions those whose names are household words, and whose fame as valiant and chivalric Knights has spread beyond the narrow limits of their own Masonic homes. We treasure their contributions of service and character to this noble Order, and hold them in enduring and loving memory.

This temporal warfare over, they tent on fame's eternal camping ground.

Eminent Sir Edward Carroll Parmenter, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, died in Denver, Colorado, May 10, 1901.

Em. Sir Knight Parmenter was born in Waterbury, Vermont, May 16th, 1835. He went west in 1853, and since 1860 was a resident of Colorado.

He was made a Master Mason in 1857, and subsequently received all the degrees in the York Rite, passing through the chairs of both the Lodge and Chapter, and of the Order of High Priesthood had been Recorder since 1883.

Knighted in St. John's Commandery, at Cuba, N. Y., in 1866, he became a charter member of Central City Commandery in 1868; of Georgetown Commandery, of Georgetown, Col., in 1880, and the following year was its Eminent Commander. Of Denver Commandery he became a charter member in 1893, and as its Recorder served until his death.

Of the Grand Lodge of Colorado he had been Grand Secretary since October 6th, 1868 — thirty-three years; Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado since its organization, May 11th, 1875 — twenty-six years; and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Colorado since its organization, March 14th, 1876 — twenty-five years.

The degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite were conferred in Denver in 1882, and he was coroneted and proclaimed a thirty-third degree honorary in 1885. Of the four Scottish Rite bodies in Denver he was Secretary since June, 1894.

His was a life of Masonic service seldom equalled, covering, as it did, thirty-seven years of faithful, devoted, and intelligent work in every branch and body of Masonry.

Right Eminent Sir THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN, first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, and a Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, died at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 28th, 1901, in his eighty-fifth year.

For many years the name of R. Em. Sir Knight Parvin and his many virtues were as household words to his Brethren of Iowa and the United States. In his death Masonry has sustained an irreparable loss.

He was born January 15th, 1817, at Cedarville, New Jersey. In 1829 the family moved to Cincinnati, where he completed his education, graduating from a legal course in 1835. In 1838 he removed to Iowa, where he resided at the time of his death.

Briefly, his Masonic record is that of a Sir Knight who labored for over sixty years in its cause.

Sir Knight Parvin first saw Masonic light in Nova Cæsarea Lodge, Cincinnati, Ohio, March, 14th, 1838; was exalted in Iowa City Royal Arch Chapter, Iowa City, Iowa, January 2d, 1845; was made a Royal and Select Master in Dubuque Council, Dubuque, Iowa, September 27th, 1847; and Knighted in Apollo Commandery, Chicago, Ill., January 10th, 1855. Over each of these bodies he subsequently presided.

Of the Grand Bodies in Iowa, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1852; Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1854; Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. and S. M., in 1860; and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1864–5. Of the Grand Lodge he was Grand Secretary from its organization, in 1844, until his death — the year 1852, when Grand Master, excepted — in all forty-six years.

As Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, he served from 1871 to 1886.

The degrees of the A. and A. Scottish Rite he received in 1859, and was crowned an active member of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, September 13, 1859.

He was the founder of the Masonic library of Cedar Rapids. The library represents the devotion and labor of a life-time: not in the sense of one who gives from his abundance and leisure, but the utilization of time and strength left from an arduous law practice of more than forty years duration.

With the State University, of Iowa City, Sir Knight Parvin was connected for twenty-two years, as founder, regent, curator, librarian, and professor of natural history, etc.

A ripe scholar, a gentleman of the old school, a sincere friend and devoted Christian.

Right Eminent Sir JAMES WASSEN MOORE, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, died at his home in Washington, D. C., August 2d, 1901, aged 70 years.

He was born in Martinsburg, Pa., January 21, 1831, and was raised a Master Mason in Columbia Lodge, Columbia, Pa., in October, 1855, and in August, 1867, affiliated with Western Star Lodge, Nebraska City, Nebraska; exalted a Royal Arch Mason, he affiliated with Keystone Chapter, Nebraska City, Nebraska, and was its High Priest for several years.

He presided over the convention of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska in March, 1867, held for the purpose of organizing the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and was the first Deputy Grand High Priest of that Grand Body. In June, 1867, he was elected Grand High Priest.

Sir Knight Moore took a very prominent part in the organization of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, and in April, 1877, was installed Grand Commander, filling that position with distinction and honor.

In 1877 he was appointed to one of the most important positions in the United States treasury department, at Washington, D. C., as custodian of the great vault in which is stored all the money, stamps, checks, drafts, etc., prepared by the bureau of engraving and printing, before they are delivered to the proper departments. In all the years he held that important trust not one single mistake was made, not a loss incurred.

As a man, a citizen, an official, and in all the walks and relations of life, he adorned the teachings and principles of our valiant and magnanimous Order.

Right Eminent Sir THOMAS RUSSELL GREANBRACK, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, passed into the "Great Beyond," en route from his home to Dubuque, August 4th, 1901, aged 69 years.

He was born in Ephrata, N. Y., and received his college education at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He was admitted to the bar in Albany, N. Y., in 1859, and since January, 1868, has practiced his profession at Anamosa, Iowa.

Sir Knight Greanbrack was made a Mason at Peoria, Ill., in 1860, and for many years was the presiding officer over the local Masonic bodies in Anamosa. Of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, he was Grand High Priest in 1866; and in 1895 Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of that State.

He was a man of high moral character; a Christian gentleman.

Right Eminent Sir PHILIP THRASHER WOODFIN, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, died at his home near Hampton, Va., August 24th, 1901.

"From the Knightly host fighting life's battle under the Templar banner in Virginia, death has overcome one who had met him on the crowded field of Mars, won reputation at the cannon's mouth, and, although wounded in the fight, lived to win the love and confidence of his Fraters in the days of peace which followed."

R. Em. Sir Knight Woodfin was a native of this State, having been born in Marblehead, Mass., April 26th, 1840. Under President Lincoln's call for volunteers, in 1861, he was the first man to enter Faneuil Hall in response to that call, as a corporal of Co. C, 8th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. On October 13th, 1863, being then sergeant of the 10th Massachusetts Light Battery, he was severely wounded in an engagement at Auburn, Va. On again being able to take the field, he did so as first lieutenant of 16th Massachusetts Battery. He was an ideal soldier, beloved by his comrades in arms, and served the flag he loved with honor.

In 1869 he became secretary of the Soldiers' Home at Togus, Maine, and in 1893 was appointed governor of the National Soldiers' Home, near Hampton, Va., with the title of colonel, which position he most ably filled up to the time of his death.

Our Brother, Companion, Sir Knight, was raised in Philanthropic Lodge, F. & A. M., of Marblehead, Mass., in May, 1864, and demitted in April, 1894, to St. Tammany Lodge, of Hampton, Va. He was exalted in St. John's R. A. Chapter, Newport News, Va., and Knighted in Hampton Commandery at Hampton, Va., in 1888. He was elected Eminent Commander in 1890, serving nine consecutive terms.

Em. Sir Knight Woodfin was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Virginia in 1892, and continuing through the intermediate stations, was elected Grand Commander, November 10th, 1898, being at the time confined to his bed by illness. He was installed Grand Commander in Hampton Commandery, November 24th, 1898, just ten years after he was created a Knight Templar.

Right Em. Sir Knight Woodfin was an honorary member of Saint Omer Commandery, of South Boston, and had many warm personal friends in this jurisdiction.

We all sincerely join with Right Em. Sir Knight Alexander, Grand Commander of Virginia, wherein he says:

> "We have lost a great-hearted Templar; one who was inflexible in his convictions of right and duty; genial in companionship, and loving and true in friendship, but we have the assurance of Him who is 'the resurrection and the life,' that 'whoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.' With this promise as the 'bow' to span life's sky after the storm, we, and those who are nearest and dearest to him, may confidently await its culmination when 'faith shall be lost in sight.'"

Eminent Sir Joel Burton Parsons, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, who had served efficiently in that capacity for a period of twenty-one years up to the time of his decease, died in Cleveland, Ohio, September 16th, 1901.

His uniform courtesy and geniality won the hearts of all with whom he came in contact, and the memory of his virtues will ever remain green.

Eminent Sir Robert H. Lansing, Past Grand Captain-General of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, died at his home in Chillicothe, Ohio, at the advanced age of 83 years, September 20, 1901.

He had served in the Grand Commandery as Grand Senior Warden in 1875 and 1876, and as Grand Captain-General in 1868 and 1869. Owing to his age and infirmities he had not of late taken an active part, although maintaining an interest in the great objects and progress of our Order.

He was a Sir Knight of upright character, and occupied an honorable and prominent position as a business man in the community in which he lived.

Eminent Sir John Logan Power, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, died September 24, 1901, at his home in Jackson, Miss., at the age of 67.

A poor fatherless Irish lad, he landed in this country penniless, and made his way to Lockport, N. Y., where he learned the art preservative. Having mastered its details, the year 1854 found him in New Orleans, and shortly in Jackson, Miss., where he lived and passed the remainder of his life. There he established himself as an editor and publisher, his ready pen being ever in demand.

He attained the rank of colonel in the civil war, having been appointed, under an act of the Confederate congress, a superintendent of army records.

He was secretary of the constitutional convention in Mississippi in 1865, and of other conventions innumerable. He was elected and re-elected State printer for six successive years, first in 1875. Six years ago he was elected Secretary of State, and it is claimed that he was the best and most efficient officer who ever held that important post.

For many years he was superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday-school at Jackson, and was also an elder of that church, his last attendance at church being at a prayer meeting at which he conducted the service in the absence of the pastor.

Quoting from a long, exhaustive, and well merited memorial paper setting forth the many virtues of Em. Sir Knight Power, from the fluent pen of Right Em. Sir Frederick Speed, and officially published by Grand Commander Howard of Mississippi, is the following:

"In Masonry he was so much, and for so long, and worked so incessantly and to such good purpose, that no one can within the limits of a sketch begin to tell even a small part of the service he rendered. If his Brethren did not appreciate all that he did for them he would not have been Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge for thirty-two years, 1869–1901; Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter for thirty years, 1871–1901; Grand Recorder of the Grand Council for thirty years, 1871–1901; Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery for thirty-one years, 1871–1901. And beside this he was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, and prominent in other Fraternities, working, working, working, all the time, and everywhere there was work for his hands to do."

Right Eminent Sir CHARLES GAMBLE MAC, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, breathed his last at Arkansas City, Kansas, on Tuesday, September 24th, aged 68 years.

He was a native of Maryland, and in early life became a resident of Illinois. As soon as he attained "lawful age," he received in rapid succession the degrees in Masonry conferred by Lodge and Chapter, and the orders in the Commandery, and filled many official stations in their gift with faithful endeavor and loyal devotion to the interests of the Fraternity. In 1892 he became Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

Right Em. Sir Knight Mac for many years resided in Mattoon, Illinois, where he also became prominent in several business and political affairs and was repeatedly a member of the city council, and for one term was mayor.

A few years since he was severely afflicted, not only by the death of his wife, but by broken bodily health. He then removed to the home in Kansas City, where he died.

## SIR WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

In connection with our immediate Roll of Honor, and with reference to the annexed General Order of the Grand Master promulgated September 14th, in memoriam of President McKinley, I cannot forbear to place upon this record the appreciation of the deep and abiding loss our nation and our noble Fraternity sustained in his wicked assassination.

In the very prime of his splendid manhood, at the very pinnacle of his fame, in the hour of ripest achievement and richest promise, when peace and prosperity seemed nearest fulfillment, the assassin, defying the law which placed its gracious protection about him, fired the fatal shot which sent a third martyred chief magistrate to an untimely end.

All hearts were melted in universal sorrow, a thrill of unutterable horror convulsed all nations, and the Christian world honors his memory with its grateful tribute of affectionate appreciation.

It is not at all surprising that he was early attracted by the lofty tenets and beautiful doctrines of this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. Pure minded, generous, kind, considerate, tender, and charitable, in heart and soul he was a thorough Mason, a lovable Companion, a most chivalric Sir Knight.

While the world mourns him as a citizen and ruler, we mourn him as Brother and Sir Knight; and shall ever hold him in grateful and affectionate remembrance; an example to emulate, and a memory that is precious.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Sir Knight WILLIAM MCKINLEY, 24th President of the United States, was born in Niles, Ohio, January 29th, 1843. He died at Buffalo, N. Y., September 14th, 1901. He was made a Master Mason in Hiram Lodge, No. 21, F. and A. M., Winchester, Va., May 3d, 1865, afterwards affiliating with Canton Lodge, No. 60, Canton, Ohio. He, August 21st, 1867, became a member of Eagle Lodge, No. 431, at Canton. He was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Canton Chapter, No. 84, Canton, Ohio, December 28th, 1883.

In Canton Commandery, No. 38, Knights Templar, he was Knighted December 23d, 1884.

Our Brother, Companion, Sir Knight, was during his earlier Masonic life much interested in the work of the Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery, of each of which he was a member in good standing at the time of his death. As the duties of State became more exacting, he was obliged to devote to

Masonry less of his time and thought, though he was always steadfast in upholding its principles, and was ever a consistent and earnest supporter of its manifold undertakings.

On receipt of the following general order from Grand Master Stoddard, I immediately issued General Orders, No. 7, as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R.·. E.·. GRAND COMMANDER,
BOSTON, MASS., October 7, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7, }
SERIES OF 1900–1901. }

*To the officers and members of the Grand Commandery, the several subordinate Commanderies, and to all Knights Templars within our jurisdiction:*

SIR KNIGHTS:—The following general order has been received this day from the Grand Master of Templars, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Per order,

[SEAL.] WINTHROP MESSENGER,
*Grand Commander.*

Attest:
B. W. ROWELL,
*Grand Recorder.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U. S. A.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
BRYAN, TEXAS, Sept. 14th, 1901.

*To all Grand Commanders, and to all Commanders of subordinate Commanderies under our jurisdiction:*

Death, the silent messenger, has invaded our Asylum and laid his hand on our Brother, the President,

WILLIAM McKINLEY.

"The tear that we shed, though in silence it rolls,
Shall long keep his memory green in our souls."

It is ordered that as a tribute of respect the banners of our Order be draped in mourning for the period of sixty days; that you set aside a page of your records and have it suitably inscribed to his memory; that this order be read at the head of the lines at the first Conclave after its receipt, and that all Templars duly observe the day of his interment.

[SEAL.] HENRY BATES STODDARD,
*Grand Master.*

Attest:
JOHN A. GEROW,
*Grand Recorder.*

In token of our respect for the memory of the deceased Sir Knights, I will ask you all to rise, and in reverential attitude, listen.

### THE TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

It is my happy fortune to have had occur during my administration the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Louisville.

To me, that great gathering of representative Sir Knights from all sections of this broad republic is of more than passing interest; it is indeed of wide and permanent significance. Its deep and beneficial influences, alike on our Fraternity and on the nation at large, will not lightly or soon pass away. It means much—much in generous hospitality, human impulse, and the reunion of long-severed bonds of political allegiance; means much in lessons of Knightly courtesy and generous rivalry, of devotion to lofty principles and the practical illustration of a genuine brotherhood—means even more, perhaps than we can now realize or appreciate.

It was the new north and the new south meeting for the first time in that sunny clime in the fraternal relations of chivalric Knighthood. Henceforth may we not hope and believe that it will mark an era of better acquaintance, deeper respect, higher regard, and truer good will and brotherhood between all sections of our land!

And this leads me to allude to another important feature and function of the Triennial gathering. It is the exhibition from which the world is able to judge the standard of excellence to which this ancient and noble Fraternity has attained.

It is here that we pass in review; and what a grand procession it is, and can be. Recall the great, the honored, the splendid characters and lives of those among the living and the dead, who have ever taken conspicuous part in this mighty pageant; what exalted minds, lofty characters, noble careers, have shared in the work of upbuilding this branch of Masonry; what men of marvellous might and distinguished renown have contributed to its solid foundations and beautiful superstructure; what immortal names are inscribed on its roll of honor! The long procession moves ever forward. Death occasionally takes its chosen from the ranks. Others step in to take the vacant places. The great, ornate, Grand Temple remains. And so will it go on for all the ages.

To this superb company it is our privilege to be admitted. Our work in it, our individual contribution to it—to its worth and grandeur—will be only the part we take, the gifts we bring to lay upon its altar. From these things—from the lives we live, the deeds we do, our daily lives among our fellow-men, noble and lovely or otherwise—the world must judge of Knight Templarism.

Let us see that it suffers no detriment, but rather receives rich and abiding benefit at our hands!

Your Grand Commander, accompanied by a goodly representation of the Grand Commandery, journeyed to Louisville, Ky., where those entitled participated in the deliberations of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at its Triennial Sessions of August 27th, 28th, and 29th.

Accompanying the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery were a number of ladies, whose attendance added a pleasure and delight that is not easily expressed, but will linger long in the memory of all who were privileged to attend. At the social gatherings their presence lent an added charm, and gave these events a beauty, grace, and enjoyment that they would otherwise have greatly lacked. They contributed much toward rendering the entire trip a most delightful pilgrimage.

Hugh de Payens Commandery, of Melrose, Em. Sir Harry Hunt Commander, parading 125 Sir Knights, received the Grand Commandery at Masonic Temple, this city, Saturday August 24th, at 5:15 P. M., and escorted it to the South Station, where a special train was in waiting. The train left at 6 P. M., conveying the Grand Commandery, numbering fourteen Sir Knights, with five ladies, and its escort, Hugh de Payens Commandery, numbering eight-three Sir Knights and thirty-five ladies, and, with stops of varying lengths at Niagara Falls, Buffalo, and Cincinnati, arrived at Louisville, Ky., on Monday, the 26th inst., at 2:30 P. M. In Louisville the headquarters of the Grand Commandery were established at the Galt House. The headquarters of Hugh de Payens Commandery were at No. 300 W. Broadway.

On the following day, Tuesday, 27th inst., occurred the grand parade. To your Grand Commander had been extended the honor by Right Eminent Sir John H. Leathers, Grand Marshal, of having command of the first grand division, as its chief marshal.

I appointed as my chief of staff, Em. Sir John D. Monroe, Grand Warder; and as adjutant, Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, Grand Captain of the Guards. To each of these officers I am greatly indebted, not only for their valuable assistance and promptness in forming the division, but also for their ready and cheerful execution of all orders and at all times.

To them I am largely indebted for the following compliment paid to the first division in a letter of recent date received from Grand Marshal Leathers.

He writes: "I was very proud of the first division. The way in which it was kept up and its promptness in moving, and the hearty co-operation you gave us in doing faithfully and well your part."

I was also favored with an efficient corps of mounted aids whose names appear in the following detailed report prepared by the Eminent Sir Knight Adjutant.

BOSTON, September 17, 1901.

WINTHROP MESSENGER, ESQ.,

*Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Chief Marshal of the First Grand Division, 28th Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar parade:*

RIGHT EMINENT SIR:—I have the honor to report that the organization and numerical strength of the First Grand Division of the 28th Triennial Knight Templar parade, held in Louisville, Kentucky, Tuesday, August 26th, was as follows :

### FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

R. Em. Sir Winthrop Messenger, Melrose, Mass., Grand Commander,
Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,
Chief Marshal.

Em. Sir John D. Monroe, Fall River, Mass., Grand Warder,
Chief of Staff.

Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, South Boston, Mass.,
Grand Captain of the Guards,
Adjutant.

*Aids.*

V. Em. Sir George E. Hilton, Lynn, Mass., Deputy Grand Commander,
Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Boston, Mass., Grand Captain General,
R. Em. Sir Caleb Saunders, Lawrence, Mass., Past Grand Commander,
R. Em. Sir John P. Sanborn, Newport, R. I., Past Grand Commander,
R. Em. Sir Herbert F. Morse, Roxbury, Mass., Past Grand Commander,
Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
Em. Sir Joseph H. Potter, Providence, R. I., Past Commander, Calvary Commandery, No. 13, Providence, R. I.
Em. Sir Samuel S. Buist, Charleston, S. C., Commander South Carolina Commandery, No. 1, Charleston, S. C.
Sir Frederick J. Shepard, Manchester, N. H., Trinity Commandery, Manchester, N. H.
Sir Irving N. Gifford, Norwich, Conn., Columbian Commandery, No. 4, Norwich, Conn.
Sir Isaac T. Woodson, Jr., Louisville, Ky.; Sir Frank E. McKernon, Louisville, Ky.; De Molay Commandery, No. 12, Louisville, Ky., by assignment of the Grand Marshal.

*Massachusetts and Rhode Island.*

Carriage with the Grand Standard of the Grand Commandery of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island, displayed and supported by
Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, Lynn, Mass., Grand Recorder,
proxy for the Grand Generalissimo, and
Em. Sir E. Bentley Young, Boston, Mass., Grand Standard Bearer.

Louisville Cadet Band, Louisville, Ky., 25 pieces.
Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20, Melrose, Mass.
(Escort to the Grand Commandery),
Em. Sir Harry Hunt, Commander.
Sir Joseph A. Pierce, Generalissimo.
Sir Charles M. Howe, Captain-General, and Executive Officers.
Em. Sir Alonzo H. Smith, Past Commander.
Em. Sir M. W. Schneebeli, Past Commander, Hugh de Paynes Commandery, Easton, Pa.
Em. Sir Benjamin Cole, Jr., Commander, Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, Mass.
Sir Oscar A. Shepard, Generalissimo, De Molay Commandery, Boston, Mass.
Sir John M. E. Morrill, Acting Generalissimo, St. Omer Commandery, South Boston.
Sir Henry M. Nash, Acting Captain-General, St. Omer Commandery, South Boston.
Sir Calvin W. Sawyer, Recorder.
Sir Edwin Robinson, Treasurer.
Beauseant. Banner. National Colors.
90 Sir Knights.
Above included 19 Sir Knights from St. Omer Commandery, No. 21, of South Boston; 7 from William Parkman Commandery, No. 28, of East Boston; 6 from Boston Commandery, No. 2, of Boston; and 5 from De Molay Commandery, of Boston; also representatives from several other Massachusetts Commanderies.
Saint John's Commandery, No. 1, Providence, R. I.,
Em. Sir Andrew J. Ferguson, Commander.
Sir William H. Carpenter, Acting Generalissimo.
Sir Herbert J. Astle, Acting Captain-General.
Em. Sir Henry C. Dexter, Em. Sir Charles S. Foster, Past Commanders, Holy Sepulchre Commandery, Pawtucket, R. I.
Beauseant. Banner. National Colors.
45 Sir Knights.
Above included 15 Sir Knights from Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8, of Pawtucket, R. I.
Carriage with Banner and National Colors of Calvary Commandery,
No. 13, Providence, R. I., displayed and supported by
Sir Charles S. Pettee, Recorder, as Standard Bearer.
Sir A. H. Bliss, Bristol Commandery, No. 29, Color Bearer.
Calvary Commandery, No. 13, Providence, R. I.,
Em. Sir Joseph Baker, Jr., Commander.
Sir George H. Grant, Generalissimo.
Sir Rogers G. Young, Captain-General.
Em. Sir Henry H. Curtis, Commander, Bristol Commandery, North Attleboro.

Em. Sir Owen B. Bestor, Past Commander, Bristol Commandery.
Em. Sir William S. Metcalf, Past Commander, Bristol Commandery.
21 Sir Knights.
Above included 6 Sir Knights from Bristol Commandery, No. 29, of North Attleboro, Mass.
Woonsocket Commandery, No. 24, Woonsocket, R. I.,
Em. Sir Stephen Magown, Commander.
Sir Frank A. Cook, Generalissimo.
Banner.
15 Sir Knights.

*New York.*

Carriage with the Grand Standard of the Grand Commandery of New York, displayed and supported by
Em. Sir Erastus H. Knight, Grand Junior Warden,
Em. Sir George A. Newell, Grand Treasurer,
Em. Sir E. S. Osborn, Grand Standard Bearer,
Em. Sir Edwin B. Anderson, Grand Warder.
54th Regiment Band, Rochester, N. Y., 26 pieces.
Monroe Commandery, No. 12, Rochester, N. Y.,
Em. Sir Edward A. Stahlbrodt, Commander.
Sir Ezra M. Sparlin, Generalissimo.
Sir Frederick R. Smith, Adjutant.
Beauseant.
43 Sir Knights.
New Albany Band, New Albany, Ind., 25 pieces.
Central City Commandery, No. 25, Syracuse, N. Y.,
Em. Sir George C. Hanford, Commander.
Sir Louis F. Weaver, Generalissimo.
Sir Jay B. Kline, Captain General.
Em. Sir Theodore M. Barber, Past Commander and executive officer.
Em. Sir Edwin C. Hall, Past Commander.
Sir John B. Wilson, Generalissimo, Poughkeepsie Commandery, No. 43.
N. Y. State Flag. Banner. National Colors.
60 Sir Knights.

*Virginia.*

Carriage with the Grand Standard of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, displayed and supported by
Em. Sir George W. Poe, Grand Treasurer,
Em. Sir John H. Fisher, Acting Grand Standard Bearer,
Em. Sir E. D. Hotchkiss, Commander, Commandery of St. Andrew, No. 13.

Old Dominion Commandery, No. 11, Alexandria, Va.,
Em. Sir Thomas H. Netherland, Commander.
Sir William G. Allen, Generalissimo.
Em. Sir Edgar Warfield, Sr., Captain-General and executive officer.
Em. Sir William T. Core, Commander, Grice Commandery, No. 16, Norfolk, Va.
Em. Sir Vernon M. Campbell, Past Commander, Appomattox, No. 6, Petersburg, Va.
Em. Sir Almon F. Litts, Commander, Cyrene Commandery, No. 21, Norton, Va.
Em. Sir W. P. Francis, Past Commander, Lynn Commandery, No. 9, Marion, Va.
Sir C. M. Trinkle, Generalissimo, Lynn Commandery, No. 9, Marion, Va.
Banner.
60 Sir Knights.
Above included 18 Sir Knights from Lynn Commandery, No. 9, Marion, Va.; 7 from Grice Commandery, No. 16, Norfolk, Va., and from Appomattox Commandery, No. 6, Petersburg, Va., also representatives from several other Virginia Commanderies.

*Vermont.*

Carriage with the Grand Standard and National Colors of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, displayed and supported by
Em. Sir George F. Flanders, Acting Grand Generalissimo,
Em. Sir W. Scott Nay, Acting Grand Standard Bearer,
Sir Olin W. Daley, Medical Director.
Vermont Battalion,
R. Em. Sir Daniel Payson, Grand Commander.
Em. Sir William H. Kingsley, Grand Captain-General.
11 Sir Knights.
Above represented several different Vermont Commanderies.

*New Hampshire.*

Marengo Cave Band, Marengo, Ind., 12 pieces.
Trinity Commandery, Manchester, N. H.,
Em. Sir Arthur S. Bunton, Commander.
Banner.
35 Sir Knights.
Above included 6 Sir Knights from Saint Paul Commandery, of Dover, N. H.
Carriage with the Grand Standard of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, displayed and supported by
Sir Benjamin C. Kendall, Acting Grand Standard Bearer,

Sir Reed W. McLane, Trinity Commandery, Manchester, N. H.,
Sir Quincy A. Woodward, St. George Commandery, Nashua, N. H.,
Sir Frank E. Brigham, St. Paul Commandery, Dover, N. H.

*Connecticut.*

Columbian Commandery, No. 4, Norwich, Conn.
Sir J. Herbert George, Generalissimo, Acting Commander.
Banner and Beauseant.
30 Sir Knights.
St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, Meriden, Conn.
Em. Sir Eugene A. Hall, Commander.
Beauseant. Banner. National colors.
26 Sir Knights.

*South Carolina.*

Carriage with Banner of South Carolina Commandery, No. 1, Charleston, S. C., displayed and supported by Sir J. O. Mattison, Standard Bearer.
Sir Herman Schwartz, Sir. F. W. Scheper, Color Guard.
South Carolina Commandery, No. 1, Charleston, S. C.,
Sir James R. Johnson, Captain-General, Acting Commander.
46 Sir Knights.
Above included 6 Sir Knights from Columbian Commandery, No. 3, of Columbia, S. C.; and 14 from Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, Charlotte, N. C.

### PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

Of the Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, other than those named as on the staff of the First Grand Division, there were present at the Triennial Conclave and had seats provided for them in the parade in carriages with the Grand Encampment:

V. Em. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I., Grand Captain-General of the Grand Encampment of the United States.
R. Em. Sirs Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.
Charles C. Hutchinson, Lowell, Mass.
James Swords, Boston, Mass.
William H. H. Soule, Brookline, Mass.
Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass.

### AID TO THE GRAND MARSHAL.

Em. Sir Thomas F. Christian, Commander of Saint Omer Commandery, of South Boston, Mass., represented the Chief Marshal of the First Grand Division as an aid on the staff of the Grand Marshal, R. Em. Sir John H. Weathers.

*Numerical Strength of the First Grand Division.*

| | Band. | Sir K'ts. |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Marshal and Staff | — | 14 |
| In carriage, Grand Commandery Massachusetts and Rhode Island | — | 2 |
| Louisville Cadet Band | 25 | |
| Hugh de Payens Commandery, Melrose, Mass. | — | 90 |
| St. John's Commandery, Providence, R. I. | — | 45 |
| Calvary Commandery, " " | — | 21 |
| Woonsocket Commandery, Woonsocket, R. I | — | 15 |
| In carriage, Grand Commandery of New York | — | 4 |
| Fifty-fourth Regiment Band | 26 | — |
| Monroe Commandery, Rochester, N. Y | — | 43 |
| New Albany Band | 25 | — |
| Central City Commandery, Syracuse, N. Y. | — | 60 |
| In carriage, Grand Commandery of Virginia | — | 3 |
| Old Dominion Commandery, Alexandria, Va | — | 60 |
| In carriage, Grand Commandery of Vermont | — | 3 |
| Vermont Battalion | — | 11 |
| Marengo Cave Band | 12 | — |
| Trinity Commandery, Manchester, N. H | — | 35 |
| In carriage, Grand Commandery of N. H | — | 4 |
| Columbian Commandery, Norwich, Conn. | — | 30 |
| St. Elmo Commandery, Meriden, Conn. | — | 26 |
| South Carolina Commandery, Charleston, S. C | | —46 |
| Total | 88 | 512 |
| Grand Total | — | 600 |

*The March.*

The First Grand Division commenced its march at 10:10 A. M., and was dismissed at the end of the route at 12:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES E. PIERCE,
*Grand Captain of the Guards,*
*Adjutant.*

The column moved through streets lined with interested spectators, the buildings and residences along the route in many instances being beautifully decorated. It also passed through a handsome court of honor. After passing in review before Grand Master Lloyd and the officers and members of the Grand Encampment, the end of the route was soon reached, and for us the Twenty-eighth Triennial Conclave parade had passed into history.

The headquarters of the Grand Commandery, at the Galt House, were kept open until Thursday at midnight, and at headquarters we were honored with hosts of visitors.

On Wednesday evening the officers of the Grand Commandery gave a formal reception, at which they were assisted in receiving by the ladies who accompanied them. Hugh de Payens Commandery and ladies came in a body, and, through the courtesy of Em. Sir Knight Hunt, the Louisville Cadet Band furnished music. In the continuous flow of guests were also the Sir Knights and ladies of St. John's, Calvary, Woonsocket, and representatives of other Commanderies in this jurisdiction.

Early in the evening came Most Em. Sir Reuben H. Lloyd, Grand Master, and the officers of the Grand Encampment and ladies. In this too brief report it would be impossible to enumerate the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies whose Sir Knights and fair charges paid their respects. Every jurisdiction in this broad land was represented. Refreshments were served to our guests in the dining-hall of the hotel.

Among our late visitors, for they had been on duty elsewhere, was the band from the Kentucky Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, made complimentary to the Grand Commandery and to Right Em. Sir Knight Lawrence, the host of the "Little Commandery" when it attended the Triennial Conclave at Boston in 1895. After playing several airs, the boys were presented to Right Em. Sir Knight Lawrence, who addressed them in encouraging words, and later, as a volunteer "committee of one," took pleasure in seeing to it that they were amply refreshed.

With receptions, visiting, the competitive drill and presentation of prizes, the grand ball, excursions on the river, and other entertainments galore, one's spare time, be it day or evening, was more than filled from Monday afternoon until

the call of "all aboard," which rang in our ears above the strains of the Louisville Cadet Band playing "Auld Lang Syne," at ten o'clock, Friday, A. M., 30th inst.

Again traveling under escort of Hugh de Payens Commandery, we, en route homeward, visited Cincinnati and the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Arriving at Saratoga at 8 A. M. Sunday morning, the Grand and Hugh de Payens Commanderies were escorted to their headquarters, the American Adelphi Hotel, by Bethany Commandery, of Lawrence, Mass., Em. Sir H. Leslie Sherman, Commander, whose Sir Knights were visiting Saratoga.

Courteous attention was received during the day from several of the Saratoga Fraters, and in the evening a fine entertainment, appropriate to the day and occasion, was given by Hugh de Payens Commandery in the hotel parlor. Bethany Commandery also complimented our party with a serenade of sacred music played by its band.

One incident in our pilgrimage to Louisville, that at Saratoga, Sunday, September 1st, must not go without special mention. Neither justice to my own grateful remembrance nor that of my good wife, who happily shares the honor and friendship with me, would permit its omission. Nor could I suffer it to pass in silence in justice to those loving Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery and their fair ladies, whose precious and beautiful testimonial on that occasion will ever remain a priceless souvenir in my home and household.

I deeply regret that lips cannot phrase the loving sentiments of reciprocal regard and affection which our hearts experience for all these delightful manifestations. I trust the donors of that beautiful gift will be assured of the voiceless thoughts which lie too deep for utterance. In the kind words of their own loving sentiment "May peace and happiness be" and abide with each of them forever.

Bethany Commandery, its Sir Knights in full uniform, was again on hand, and with banners and music escorted us to the depot Monday morning, our train leaving at 9:20. Dinner was had at Springfield, and Boston was reached at 5 o'clock, P. M.

To Em. Sir Knight Hunt, the Commander, and to the Sir Knights of Hugh de Payens Commandery, the escort of the Grand Commandery, the thanks of the members of the Grand Commandery who were of the Louisville party were expressed in an engrossed testimonial, which was presented to Hugh de Payens Commandery on the 9th inst.

It reads as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

The officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in attendance at the 28th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, held at Louisville, Ky., August 27th and 28th, 1901: Right Eminent Sir Winthrop Messenger, Grand Commander; Very Eminent Sir George E. Hilton, Deputy Grand Commander; Eminent Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, Acting Grand Generalissimo; Eminent Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Captain-General; Eminent Sir E. Bentley Young, Grand Standard Bearer; Eminent Sir John D. Monroe, Grand Warder; Eminent Sir Charles E. Pierce, Grand Captain of the Guards; Right Eminent Sirs Charles A. Stott, Caleb Saunders, Chas. C. Hutchinson, James Swords, William H. H. Soule, Samuel C. Lawrence, John P. Sanborn, and Herbert F. Morse, desiring to express in some suitable manner their appreciation of the many Knightly courtesies extended to them by the Sir Knights of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20, of Melrose, Mass., acting as escort to the R. E. Grand Commander on this occasion, have by unanimous vote passed the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the ladies accompanying them, returning from their pilgrimage to the 28th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, holden at Louisville, Ky., are hereby tendered to Sir Harry Hunt, Eminent Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, of Melrose, Mass., and to the Sir Knights of his Command, for the many courtesies extended to us, for their Knightly hospitality, and for their chivalric deportment during the entire pilgrimage.

Signed,

WINTHROP MESSENGER, Grand Commander,
JAMES SWORDS, Past Grand Commander,
BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, Grand Recorder,
WM. H. H. SOULE, Past Grand Commander,

*Committee.*

I shall leave to the abler pen of the Committee on Correspondence, Very Em. Sir Knight Rugg, to review, as is his custom, the legislation accomplished at the Grand Encampment. In brief, the most important item of business transacted was the action sustaining Grand Master Lloyd in his ruling that to be in good standing a Knight Templar must maintain his standing in both Chapter and Lodge; also the action sustaining the Grand Master in his decision that a Grand Master cannot create a Knight Templar at sight.

Very Em. Sir Henry Bates Stoddard, of Bryan, Texas, Deputy Grand Master, was elected and installed Grand Master. I am glad to have the opportunity to record the advancement of Very Em. Sir Henry W. Rugg, a loved and honored Past Grand Commander of this jurisdiction, to the rank of Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment. He has our heartiest congratulations. Right Em. Sir Wm. H. H. Soule, another of our loyal Past Grand Commanders, was honored by re-appointment as chairman of the Finance Committee.

For what you do not find in this address or in the report of Very Em. Sir Henry W. Rugg as Committee on Correspondence relative to the Triennial, I shall refer you to the report of the Committee on the Triennial Conclave, and the printed Proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

In conclusion, I want to here record my appreciation and thanks to Right Em. Sir Charles C. Vogt, chairman, and Em. Sir Thomas C. Timberlake, secretary of the Executive Committee of the 28th Triennial Conclave; to Em. Sir John H. Leathers, Grand Marshal, and chairman of the Committee on Parade and Review, and to Sir Ernest Macpherson, his chief of staff, for their uniform courtesy and kindness, and for the kindly consideration given my correspondence to them. That success attended their efforts and that of their associates is the universal verdict—" success " was their reward.

To Right Eminent Sirs Henry T. Jefferson, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky; Charles H. Armitage, Grand Commander of New York; Arthur B. Foster, Grand Commander of Ohio; Albert S. Comstock, Grand Commander of Connecticut; Thomas S. Penman, Grand Commander of Pennsylvania; J. S. Davidson, Grand Commander of New Jersey; and Graham Dukehart, Grand Commander of Maryland, I would also record my thanks for the prompt, courteous, and favorable responses to my requests to allow our Sir Knights to enter their respective jurisdictions in journeying to and from the Triennial Conclave.

### SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

It is meet and proper that record should be made in the Proceedings of the parent body when a Commandery reaches the interesting period in its history when it can celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary.

June 19th, 1826, Springfield Commandery, of Springfield, Mass., was chartered by the Grand Commandery. On June 19th, 1901, its Sir Knights, in Special Conclave assembled, with Columbian Commandery, of Norwich, Conn., as its guest, observed its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Columbian Commandery was formally received on the afternoon before; Springfield Commandery, Em. Sir Thomas C. Hawkes, Commander, parading with banners and music for that purpose.

After supper at Cooley's Hotel, Columbian Commandery was escorted by Springfield Commandery to its Asylum, and there entertained with a musical programme, the two bands engaged to the Commanderies giving at the same time an open air concert.

Springfield Commandery, on the anniversary of its natal day morning, escorting Columbian Commandery, made a short street parade, and later the Sir Knights, in fatigue uniform, went by special electric cars to Mount Tom, where, with other good cheer, a fine lunch was enjoyed on the mountain top.

Returning to Springfield and the Asylum in early evening, following a social hour came an appetizing banquet and post-prandial exercises, then "Good night" at the depot, to which the Norwich Fraters had been escorted by their hosts of Springfield Commandery.

Again at the Asylum the Special Conclave, opened for the purpose of celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary, was closed in form.

### FIELD DAYS.

Notable among the prominent public Knights Templar events that have occurred in this jurisdiction since the Semi-Annual Conclave have been the field days participated in on two occasions by, in each instance, several Commanderies, constituents of this Grand Body.

Knightly hospitality and good fellowship were prominent on each occasion, and the visiting Fraters were made to feel perfectly at home from the moment of their arrival and during their tarry by the host body in both gatherings.

At Hudson, Mass., on St. John's Day, Monday, June 24th, under the auspices of Trinity Commandery, Em. Sir Amory Maynard, Commander, the latter, assisted by efficient committees, was the host, and received the other Commanderies participating, in the early forenoon, on their arrival at the stations.

A parade was held after the formalities of the reception had concluded, the column marching in the following order:

Platoon of Police.
Marlboro Band, 25 pieces.
Trinity Commandery, of Hudson,
Em. Sir Amory Maynard, Commander,
125 Sir Knights.
Leominster Band, 25 pieces.
Jerusalem Commandery, of Fitchburg,
Em. Sir Walter A. Davis, Commander,
65 Sir Knights.
Town's Band, 23 pieces.
Gethsemane Commandery, of Newtonville,
Em. Sir Samuel Shaw, Commander.
67 Sir Knights.
Cambridge Commandery, of Cambridge,
Em. Sir Francis Sawtelle, Commander,
39 Sir Knights.
Milford Brass Band, 24 pieces.
Milford Commandery, of Milford,
Em. Sir Aaron H. Mayhew, Commander,
68 Sir Knights.

First Regiment Band, 20 pieces.
Natick Commandery, of Natick,
Em. Sir William E. Chenery, Commander,
45 Sir Knights.
Carriages containing guests.

After the parade came an hour or more of sociability, and at noon a delightful banquet was partaken of, with no attempt at formality, in the town hall, and after that the post prandial.

The whole town was in holiday attire, very many business establishments and private residences being beautifully decorated.

The day was one most profitably spent by all participating.

Worcester County Commandery, Em. Sir Arthur H. Burton, Commander, was the host on Thursday, September 26th, and the leader in the entertainment of eight Commanderies, at the field day held that day in the city of Worcester.

The weather was perfect and other conditions such that the programme arranged, a street parade and a day at Lake Quinsigamond, was conducted in a most successful manner, and was praised by all the Sir Knights who were privileged to be present.

The function opened with the reception of the arriving Commanderies, and the officers of the Grand Commandery, at the Union station.

At 10:30 the column moved in parade, in the following order:

Platoon of police, mounted.
Em. Sir Pheneas L. Rider, Chief Marshal, and Staff of 14 Sir Knights, mounted.
Worcester Brass Band, 25 pieces.
Worcester County Commandery, of Worcester,
Em. Sir Arthur H. Burton, Commander,
246 Sir Knights,
Escorting the officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, viz.:
Eminent Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Captain-General,
Right Eminent Sirs James Swords, Robert H. Chamberlain, and William H. H. Soule, Past Grand Commanders,
Em. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett, Grand Junior Warden,
Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, Grand Recorder,

Em Sir Charles I. Litchfield, Grand Sword Bearer,
Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, Grand Captain of the Guards,
Em. Sirs Charles A. Peabody, Thomas J. Evans, and Walter W. Burnham, Grand Lecturers.
Second Regiment Band, 26 pieces.
Springfield Commandery of Springfield,
Em. Sir Thomas C. Hawkes, Commander,
124 Sir Knights.
Greenfield Brass Band, 25 pieces.
Connecticut Valley Commandery of Greenfield,
Em. Sir Eugene B. Blake, Acting Commander,
55 Sir Knights.
Northampton Commandery, of Northampton,
Em. Sir Louis L. Campbell, Commander,
30 Sir Knights.
The Martland Band, 25 pieces.
Athol Commandery, of Athol,
Em. Sir Edgar V. Wilson, Commander,
39 Sir Knights.
Battery B Band, 25 pieces.
St. Paul Commandery, of North Adams,
Em. Sir Edward M. Meekins, Commander,
67 Sir Knights.
Berkshire Commandery, of Pittsfield,
Em. Sir James O. Clifford, Commander,
26 Sir Knights.
Worcester Brigade Band, 25 pieces.
Orange Commandery, of Orange,
Em. Sir Dexter L. Crandall, Commander,
40 Sir Knights.
Gardner Brass Band, 25 pieces.
Ivanhoe Commandery, of Gardner,
Em. Sir Frank M. Smith, Commander,
48 Sir Knights.

At Lincoln Square the Grand Officers were drawn up in line, and the column was reviewed by the Grand Captain-General, Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, whom I had delegated to act in my behalf, not being able myself to be present.

Electric cars conveyed all to Lincoln Park, and launches down Lake Quinsigamond.

The Sir Knights were royally entertained at Edgemere where a clam-bake and dinner was served. The Grand Officers were entertained en route at the Tatasset Canoe Club.

Sport and good fellowship prevailed, all of an informal nature, and the music on the occasion, by the seven bands consolidated, will linger long in ones memory.

But all good things must have their ending.

Worcester County Commandery was at the station with full ranks, and gave all the heartiest send off, and "God speed."

I regretted exceedingly my inability to attend these and other similar occasions, and to thus attest in a public manner my approval of them. In my opinion they are of great service and benefit to our Order, alike in bringing our several Commanderies into closer fellowship and affording the world a better knowledge of the high character of our splendid Institution.

I trust such happy occasions will multiply in the future.

## INSPECTIONS.

In my semi-annual address I was able to report that all of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction had been inspected, with two exceptions. As then anticipated, the two excepted were inspected before the close of June.

Each inspecting officer made prompt returns, and, with few exceptions, reported the Commanderies they had inspected in a satisfactory condition; the Sir Knights attending in fair numbers; the ritual impressively rendered; the military appearance good; and the floor movements and drill well executed.

The orders conferred, as specimens of work, I find to have been about equally divided between the orders of the Red Cross and the Temple.

Of the rituals, while the Malta rituals are all reported in good state of preservation, it would appear that at least a dozen of the Red Cross and Templar rituals need to be exchanged for new copies on account of their poor condition.

The charters were generally found in good condition. When not in use, all but six were reported to be kept in safes or deposit vaults. Only seven Commanderies appear to have taken advantage of the authority extended by the Grand Commandery, in its recommendation to procure and use certified working copies.

The possession of a working copy of a charter would seem to recommend itself, if only to insure the safety of the original, which each year grows more valuable. To my mind, every Commandery should be required to possess a "working copy;" the presence of the original copy only to be obligatory at installations and inspections.

The records, with a single exception, are reported as satisfactory in appearance, and as being carefully cared for. One Commandery only is reported as having a duplicate copy of its records.

Covering the by-laws, copies approved by this Grand Commandery were in almost every instance submitted for inspection. One of the inspecting officers, in his report, says: "I did not see a roll of members and could not ascertain that candidates were required to sign the by-laws. This may not be a breach of the law, but I consider it a breach of practice sufficient to warrant me in bringing it to your notice." I respectfully submit the subject-matter to your consideration.

Four Commanderies I find have adopted a fee of $100.00; and two a fee of $125.00. This latter fee includes the expense of a uniform.

Fourteen Commanderies have no provision in their by-laws for life membership, and presumably none for a permanent fund into which to allot and pay "one-tenth of the fees paid by each candidate for the orders," as required by our Grand Constitution. To you that subject is also respectfully referred.

The inspecting officers report that they have, at their inspections, been received with the utmost courtesy and consideration, and that whenever criticism or suggestion, have been deemed necessary by them, they have been accepted in the same courteous and Knightly spirit in which they were offered.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

In compliance with a standing regulation of the Grand Commandery, wherein the commissions of Representatives of this Grand Commandery near sister Grand Commanderies expire with the Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment, I have appointed and issued commissions, dated October 1st, 1901, to expire on the date of the Triennial Conclave in 1904, and at the request of the respective Grand Commanders, to

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| Alabama | E. Sir | ., Ala. |
| Arizona | E. Sir George J. Roskruge | Tucson, Ala. |
| Arkansas | R. E. Sir Charles E. Rosenbaum | Little Rock, Ark. |
| California | R. E. Sir Charles F. Lott | Oroville, Cal. |
| Colorado | R. E. Sir Lawrence N. Greenleaf | Denver, Col. |
| Connecticut | R. E. Sir Henry Woodward | Middletown, Conn. |
| District of Columbia | R. E. Sir Noble D. Larner | Washington, D. C. |
| Florida | E. Sir William H. Jewell | Orlando, Fla. |
| Georgia | E. Sir Joseph K. Orr | Atlanta, Ga. |
| Illinois | R. E. Sir Phil. W. Barclay | Cairo, Ill. |
| Indiana | E. Sir Leonidas P. Newby | Knightstown, Ind. |
| Indian Territory | E. Sir John F. Sharpe | Purcell, I. T. |
| Iowa | E. Sir Wilbur F. Fidlar | Davenport, Iowa. |
| Kansas | R. E. Sir Edward W. Wellington | Ellsworth, Kan. |
| Kentucky | E. Sir Henry G. Sandifer | Danville, Ky. |
| Louisiana | E. Sir Algernon S. Badger | New Orleans, La. |
| Maryland | R. E. Sir Charles McDonald, Jr | Baltimore, Md. |
| Maine | R. E. Sir John W. Ballou | Bath, Maine. |
| Minnesota | E. Sir Alonzo T. Stebbins | Rochester, Minn. |
| Mississippi | E. Sir John S. Cobb | Verona, Miss. |
| Missouri | R. E. Sir Reuben Barney | Chillicothe, Mo. |
| Montana | E. Sir Cornelius Hedges | Helena, Mont. |
| Nebraska | E. Sir Eben K. Long | Omaha, Neb. |
| New Hampshire | | |
| New Jersey | E. Sir William H. Sebring | Plainfield, N. J. |
| New York | E. Sir Clinton F. Paige | Binghampton, N. Y. |
| North Carolina | E. Sir James K. Norfleet | Winston, N. C. |
| North Dakota | E. Sir Clarence H. Haile | Grand Forks, N. D. |
| Ohio | E. Sir John W. Chamberlain | Tiffin, Ohio. |
| Oregon | E. Sir F. A. Moore | Salem, Ore. |
| Pennsylvania | M. E. Sir John P. S. Gobin | Lebanon, Pa. |
| South Dakota | E. Sir John H. Babcock | Sioux Falls, S. D. |
| Tennessee | E. Sir Charles H. Eastman | Nashville, Tenn. |
| Texas | E. Sir John C. Kidd | Houston, Texas. |
| Vermont | E. Sir William H. S. Whitcomb | Burlington, Vt. |
| Virginia | R. E. Sir James P. Corbin | Fredericksburg, Va. |
| Washington | E. Sir Horace W. Tyler | Spokane, Wash. |
| West Virginia | R. E. Sir Hugh Sterling | Wheeling, W. Va. |
| Wisconsin | R. E. Sir Oliver Libbey | Green Bay, Wis. |
| Wyoming | E. Sir Francis E. Warren | Cheyenne, Wyo. |

I have also received and accredited as Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near this Grand Commandery, during the year:

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| Alabama | R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule | South Boston, Mass. |
| Arizona | E. Sir E. Bentley Young | Boston, Mass. |
| Arkansas | R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse | Roxbury, Mass. |
| California | R. E. Sir James Swords | Boston, Mass. |
| Colorado | E. Sir Smith B. Harrington | Wollaston Heights, Mass. |
| Connecticut | E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis | Providence, R. I. |
| District of Columbia | R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence | Medford, Mass. |
| Florida | E. Sir Henry S. Rowe | Boston, Mass. |
| Georgia | E. Sir Henry G. Jordan | Boston, Mass. |
| Illinois | E. Sir Newton D. Arnold | Providence, R. I. |
| Indiana | E. Sir James H. Upham | Dorchester, Mass. |
| Indian Territory | E. Sir Walter W. Burnham | Providence, R. I. |
| Iowa | E. Sir George H. Kenyon | Providence, R. I. |
| Kansas | R. E. Sir Walter Cutting | Pittsfield, Mass. |
| Kentucky | R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn | Newport, R. I. |
| Louisiana | E. Sir George E. Stacy | Milford, Mass. |
| Maryland | R. E. Sir George H. Burnham | Providence, R. I. |
| Maine | E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey | Boston, Mass. |
| Minnesota | R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott | Lowell, Mass. |
| Mississippi | E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell | Lynn, Mass. |
| Missouri | R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson | Lowell, Mass. |
| Montana | R. E. Sir Winthrop Messenger | Melrose, Mass. |
| Nebraska | R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg | Providence, R. I. |
| New Hampshire | R. E. Sir George L. Shepley | Providence, R. I. |
| New Jersey | R. E. Sir William R. Walker | Pawtucket, R. I. |
| New York | R. E. Sir George H. Allen | Lynn, Mass. |
| North Carolina | R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman | Central Falls, R. I. |
| North Dakota | E. Sir Charles E. Pierce | South Boston, Mass. |
| Ohio | R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders | Lawrence, Mass. |
| Oregon | E. Sir Harry Hunt | Melrose, Mass. |
| Pennsylvania | E. Sir Arthur G. Pollard | Lowell, Mass. |
| South Dakota | E. Sir George E. Hilton | Lynn, Mass. |
| Tennessee | E. Sir Charles H. Crane | Somerville, Mass. |
| Texas | E. Sir J. Albert Blake | Haverhill, Mass. |
| Vermont | R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain | Worcester, Mass. |
| Virginia | E. Sir Charles C. Spellman | Springfield, Mass. |
| Washington | E. Sir Samuel B. Spooner | Springfield, Mass. |
| West Virginia | E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew | Providence, R. I. |
| Wisconsin | R. E. Sir Edward P. Chapin | Springfield, Mass. |
| Wyoming | E. Sir Eugene A. Holton | Boston, Mass. |

## DECISIONS.

I am pleased to report that very few decisions have been applied for during the past six months. Of these, I will only report the following:

I.

A Companion applied for the orders in a Commandery and was rejected. A year or more later he moved to another city, and, recently returning to his first place of residence, again presented a petition for the orders. Can the Commandery, I was asked, now ballot on the petition?

I decided, in reply, that under the provisions of Section 3, Title XXIX, Statutes of the Grand Encampment, the Commandery could not ballot upon said petition until the petitioner had resided within its jurisdiction six months, unless a waiver, as provided in said section, is first obtained.

II.

The following questions relating to the purpose and intent of certain by-laws of a Commandery were placed before me in conformity to the statutes made and provided, in reply to which I made the decisions appended.

The by-law of a Commandery, approved by this Grand Commandery, reads:

"No funds of this Commandery shall be appropriated to purposes foreign to the direct objects of Templar Masonry."

Relating to this by-law, I was asked:

"Would a whist party given by said Commandery be in contravention to said by-law; *i. e.* is a whist party a direct object of Templar Masonry?"

Answering the question, I decided and replied:

"It would: a whist party, as such, is foreign to the direct objects of Templar Masonry."

Another by-law, of the same Commandery, reads:

"No extra assessments shall be laid, vote taken, or money expended from the treasury for any public installation, entertainment, or parade—funeral occasions excepted—except at Conclaves regularly called, with the business inserted in the notification for said Conclave."

Referring to this by-law, I was asked:

"Can said Commandery, without conflicting with that by-law, make an assessment, vote on, or appropriate funds from its treasury for the purpose of paying the expenses of an entertainment, to wit, a 'whist party,' without the purpose and nature of such expenditure being inserted in the notification of a Conclave regularly called, and then only unless favorable action is had authorizing an appropriation of the funds for such a purpose?"

To the second query, my decision and answer was:

"No: in my opinion it is evident that the intent of the last quoted by-law is that the nature of the business should be specified; that the mere insertion of business in the notification does not comply with the requirements set forth in said by-law, as it expressly says, 'the business,' etc."

III.

The following inquiry was regularly presented over the seal of a Commandery, for my decision.

A Sir Knight, being a member of his Commandery with dues paid in advance, was found not to be a member of a Chapter. Objection was made, by another member of the Commandery, to his being admitted to its Conclaves.

Information was desired by the Eminent Commander as to whether or no he could lawfully exclude the said Sir Knight from the Asylum of the Commandery.

I replied as follows:

"You cannot lawfully do so on a mere objection. There must be a complaint entered, and the Sir Knight must have notice thereof and opportunity to answer. This is settled by the decision of Grand Master Lloyd, approved by the Grand Encampment. See his report, page 41."

### DISPENSATIONS.

In the matter of the issuance of dispensations, while the past six months has been prolific in the number asked for, happily they were all for such commendable purposes that none have been refused. In detail they are as follows:

To Trinity Commandery, May 25th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Monday, June 24th, for the purpose of celebrating St. John's day."

To Boston Commandery, May 25th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on June 20th, 1901, to and including June 25th, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the Pan-American Exposition, in the State of New York, and the celebration of St. John's day."

To Gethsemane Commandery, May 28th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on June 24th, 1901, for the purpose of observing St. John's day at Hudson, Mass."

To Berkshire Commandery, May 29th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Tuesday, June 18th, 1901, for the purpose of making a visitation to Apollo Commandery, of Troy, N. Y."

(R. Em. Sir Charles H. Armatage, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, gave prompt and cordial assent to my requests that Boston and Berkshire Commanderies be permitted to enter the Grand Jurisdiction of New York.)

To Winslow Lewis Commandery, May 28th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on June 17th and 18th, 1901, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Laconia, N. H., and visiting Pilgrim Commandery of that city."

(In response to my request, R. Em. Sir George I. McAllister, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, courteously granted permission to Winslow Lewis Commandery to enter that jurisdiction.)

To Pilgrim Commandery, of Laconia, N. H., May 31st, 1901, at the request of Right Em. Sir George I. McAllister, Grand Commander of New Hampshire, I took pleasure in granting permission "to enter this jurisdiction in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on June 24th, 1901, for the purpose of celebrating St. John's day in Lowell, Mass.," as guests of Pilgrim Commandery of the latter city.

To Pilgrim Commandery, June 6th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on June 24th, for the purpose of receiving and entertaining Pilgrim Commandery, of Laconia, N. H."

To Milford Commandery, June 6th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, without music, Sunday, June 23rd, for the purpose of attending divine service in the Universalist church at Milford, Mass." Also "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Monday, June 24th, for the purpose of uniting with Trinity, Jerusalem, Natick, and Gethsemane Commanderies in holding a field day and celebrating St. John's day, in the town of Hudson, Mass."

To Sutton Commandery, June 7th 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Tuesday, June 25th, for the purpose of visiting Hyannis, Mass., as guests of Fraternal Lodge, F. & A. M., on the occasion of the celebration of the centennial anniversary of Fraternal Lodge."

To Jerusalem Commandery, June 8th, 1901, "to parade with banners and music, on June 24th, for the purpose of celebrating St. John's day, at Hudson, Mass.

To Cambridge Commandery, June 10th, 1901, "to parade with banners and music, on June 24th, for the purpose of celebrating St. John's day, at Hudson, Mass.

To Washington Commandery, June 12th, 1901, "to parade with banners and without music, Sunday, June 23d, for the purpose of attending divine service at St. Paul's church, Wickford, R. I."

To Bristol Commandery, June 13th, 1901, "to parade with banners and without music, Sunday, June 23d, for the purpose of attending divine service in Pilgrim church, Attleboro."

To Natick Commandery, June 13th, 1901, "to parade with banners and music, on June 24th, for the purpose of observing St. John's day, at Hudson, Mass."

To Olivet Commandery, June 19th, 1901, "to parade with banners and music, and in full Templar uniform, on June 24th, 1901, for the purpose of observing St. John's day, at Portland, Me., as the guests of St. Alban Commandery of that city."

(The Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, Right Em. Sir Clayton J. Farrington, was pleased to give his cordial assent to my request that the visit have his approval.)

To Athol Commandery, June 19th, 1901, "to parade with music and banners and in full Templar uniform, on Tuesday, June, 25th, 1901, for the purpose of receiving and entertaining Worcester County Commandery."

To De Molay Commandery, June 20th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Friday, June 21st, 1901, for the purpose of making an excursion to Narragansett Pier, R. I., returning Monday, June 24th; the music and banners to be omitted on Sunday, June 23d."

To Worcester Commandery, June 22d, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on June 25th, 1901, for the purpose of visiting Athol Commandery as its guests."

To Bethany Commandery, June 25th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on August 31st, September 1st and 2d, 1901, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

(A Knightly response was had from Right Em. Sir Charles H. Armatage, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, in answer to my request that Bethany Commandery be permitted to enter that jurisdiction.

To Athol Commandery, July 15th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, without banners or music, on Sunday, July 21st, for the purpose of attending memorial service, to be held in the Athol Methodist church in memory of Sir Knight Rev. Charles Arden Shatto."

To Saint George Commandery, Nashua, N. H., July 20th, 1901, at the request of Right Em. Sir George I. McAllister, Grand Commander of New Hampshire, permission was granted "to enter the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, on Tuesday, July 23d, for a field day at Bass Point."

To the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, July 29th, 1901, and to Trinity Commandery of its obedience, permission was most cheerfully granted, at the request of Grand Commander McAllister, "to enter the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, August 23d, 1901, on their way to the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Louisville, Ky., and to return through the jurisdiction on or about September 1st, 1901."

To Saint Paul Commandery, July 29th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on September 26th, 1901, for the purpose of visiting the city of Worcester, Mass., and participating in the celebration of Templars Day."

To Bethlehem Commandery, August 5th, 1901, "to hold a Special Conclave on the evening of August 12th, for the purpose of receiving petitions for the orders, said petitions to lie over the regular specified time as provided by law before ballot shall be had upon said petitioners."

To Narragansett Commandery, August 14th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Monday, September 25th, 1901, for the purpose of joining Washington Commandery, of Newport, R. I., in an outing at Watch Hill, R. I."

To Hugh de Payens Commandery, August 14th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Saturday, August 24th, 1901, for the purpose of attending the Twenty-eighth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at Louisville, Ky., returning to Melrose, Mass., Monday, September 2nd, 1901."

To Calvary Commandery, August 15th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on August 24th, 1901, for the purpose of attending the Twenty-eighth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United

States, at Louisville, Ky., the Commandery to leave Providence, R. I., August 24th, and return at such time as will be convenient."

To Springfield Commandery, August 15th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on September 26th, 1901, for the purpose of visiting Worcester, Mass."

To Washington Commandery, August 16th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Monday, September 2d, 1901, for the purpose of visiting Westerly and Watch Hill, R. I."

To Woonsocket Commandery, August 22d, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Saturday, August 24th, 1901, for the purpose of attending the Twenty-eighth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at Louisville, Ky., and to make a street parade in Woonsocket before taking the train."

To Ivanhoe Commandery, September 7th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Thursday, September 26th, for the purpose of participating in the Knight Templar parade, in Worcester, Mass."

To Athol Commandery, September 9th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Thursday, September 26th, for the purpose of attending the field day at Worcester, Mass."

To Orange Commandery, September 10th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Thursday, September 26th, for the purpose of parading at Worcester, Mass., the occasion being a Templar Day of Commanderies of western Massachusetts."

To Northampton Commandery, September 12th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Thursday, September 26th, for the purpose of attending the Knights Templars' field day at Worcester, Mass."

To St. Paul Commandery, September 17th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Thursday, September 19th, for the purpose of attending a memorial service to be held in the Methodist church at North Adams, Mass."

To St. Omer Commandery, September 17th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, without banners or music, on Thursday, September 19, for the purpose of attending a memorial service of the late lamented President, Sir Knight William McKinley, to be held in the Phillips church, South Boston."

To Worcester County Commandery, September 18th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Thursday, September 26th, for the purpose of joining with other Commanderies in celebration of a Templars' Day."

To Connecticut Valley Commandery, September 20th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Thursday, September 26th, for the purpose of participating in the celebration of a Templars' Day in Greenfield and Worcester, Mass."

To Haverhill Commandery, September 20th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, without banners or music, on Sunday, September 29th, for the purpose of attending divine service."

To Pilgrim Commandery, September 20th, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Saturday, September 21, 1901, for the purpose of proceeding to Pelham, N. H., to perform the funeral ceremony over the remains of Sir William W. Butler, a member of Pilgrim Commandery."

To Berkshire Commandery, September 23d, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Thursday, September 26th, for the purpose of visiting Worcester on a fall field day."

To Trinity Commandery of Manchester, N. H., September 23, 1901, permission was granted "to pass through this jurisdiction in full Templar uniform, with flags and banners, Friday, October 11, 1901, on their return from a pilgrimage to Buffalo, N. Y."

To Northampton Commandery, October 2d, 1901, "to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, Tuesday, October 8, 1901, for the purpose of acting as escort on the occasion of the observance of the centennial anniversary of Pacific Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Amherst, Mass."

### CONCLUSION.

In laying aside these emblems of official authority and transmitting them to my distinguished successor, I cannot refrain from expressing briefly the thoughts which spring almost spontaneously to the lips.

It is a splendid period in which to have served—in which to have borne even a fleeting part. The majestic and mighty activities of our age transcend in glory and importance all those whose dignify the past. The world is broadening—is sweeping into wider avenues of energy and benevolence than ever before. Newer fields and higher planes of endeavor are constantly offering opportunity to the restless foot of human progress, for sterner human duty and grander human service. Amid these activities and achievements, Knight Templarism must not, will not, remain idle. Along the shining pathway of the centuries it has prosecuted its glorious mission, and its banner is radiant with evidence of loftiest results. Let us to-day accept and profit by its inspiring impulses to still nobler accomplishments. I seem to realize its pulsations all about me, and I hope to be strengthened anew by the experiences of this moment. Let us count every hour spent in its hallowed service a rich and enduring gain. In the delightful atmosphere of such harmonious official comradeship as I have enjoyed, no labor could be arduous and no service other than a pleasant experience and precious memory. I therefore gladly now pay grateful tribute to my associates in office in this public manner, for their devotion to their respective duties, their manifest zeal for the welfare of this splendid Order, and their courteous assistance. Nor can I fail to leave here in enduring form my deep appreciation of the earnest support and kind indulgence received from this splendid body, over which it has been a proud honor and privilege to preside.

I am deeply conscious of the imperfections which may have marred my service; that my administration of this high station necessarily suffers in comparison with those of many of my illustrious predecessors, whose rare gifts and high attainments I could neither expect or attempt to rival. But let me say that my effort has been no less sincere than theirs to lift our standard high, and to express the trust and faith that in generous and charitable criticism you will pardon my short-comings, and be assured the want of ability, not lack of zeal, is the cause of any failure to maintain such a lofty line.

These are among the pleasantest duties and associations of my life; and while the years are numbered to me here I shall retain and cherish all the precious friendships of this membership as a rich and abiding possession. God grant us to live and labor yet a long time for principles worthy our noblest sentiment and our most earnest effort. Peace and happiness abide with you all!

Very courteously yours,

WINTHROP MESSENGER,

*Grand Commander.*

On motion of R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg it was

*Voted*, That so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander as relates to decisions, dispensations, and special recommendations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and that the remainder of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as the Special Committee R. E. Sirs Henry W. Rugg, James Swords, and Caleb Saunders.

## THE ROLL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES NEAR THIS GRAND COMMANDERY.

The roll of Representatives was called by the Grand Recorder, and the following responded as present:

| GRAND COMMANDERY OF | REPRESENTATIVE. |
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| Alabama | R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule. |
| Arizona | E. Sir E. Bentley Young. |
| Arkansas | R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse. |
| California | R. E. Sir James Swords. |
| Colorado | E. Sir Smith B. Harrington, |
| Connecticut | E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis. |
| Florida | E. Sir Henry S. Rowe. |
| Indiana | E. Sir James H. Upham. |
| Indian Territory | E. Sir Walter W. Burnham. |
| Iowa | E. Sir George H. Kenyon. |
| Kansas | R. E. Sir Walter Cutting. |
| Kentucky | R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn. |
| Louisana | E. Sir George E. Stacy. |
| Maryland | R. E. Sir George H. Burnham. |
| Maine | E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey. |
| Minnesota | R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott. |
| Mississippi | E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, |
| Montana | R. E. Sir Winthrop Messenger. |
| Nebraska | R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg. |
| New Hampshire | R. E. Sir George L. Shepley. |
| New Jersey | R. E. Sir William R. Walker. |
| New York | R. E. Sir George H. Allen. |
| North Dakota | E. Sir Charles E. Pierce. |
| Ohio | R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders. |
| Oregon | E. Sir Harry Hunt. |
| South Dakota | E. Sir George E. Hilton. |
| Tennessee | E. Sir Charles H. Crane. |
| Texas | E. Sir J. Albert Blake. |
| Vermont | R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain. |
| West Virginia | E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew. |
| Wyoming | E. Sir Eugene A. Holton. |

The R. E. Grand Commander in behalf of Grand Commandery extended to each a cordial welcome.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

*To Grand Commandery:*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have the honor to report upon the following matters, treated in the address delivered by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the Semi-annual Conclave in May last and referred to them:

### WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

These were matters covering requests of Commanderies of this and other Grand Jurisdictions for waiver, and the desires of the Subordinate Commanderies with relation to the subject were communicated in proper form through the offices of the respective Grand Commanders concerned.

### DECISIONS.

Objection had been made to a candidate after a clear ballot, and it was claimed that the objector was not in good standing under the provisions of Title XXXV, Code Grand Encampment U. S., he having dimitted from his Lodge more than six months prior to the date of objection, and the question was asked whether the objector had the right to object, or, in other words, whether the objection was valid. The Right Eminent replied, in substance, that if the Commandery had no knowledge that the objector was non-affiliate in Lodge, and had without objection or complaint been permitted to exercise the rights of membership, the objection was sufficient to prevent the conferring of the order. (For text of the opinion see p. 39, Pro. May, 1901). In this case no claim, information, or complaint, official or otherwise, was laid before the Commander, or the Commandery, that the objector was disqualified, until after his objection had been made, and made apparently for the sole purpose of nullifying the objection. It does not appear that any notice had been given him of lapsed membership, or that he was not entitled to all the privileges of a member, which he had in fact enjoyed. In the opinion of the committee, a Sir Knight unaffiliate in Lodge or Chapter is entitled to formal notice that he for that reason is not in good standing, and that failure to become or attempt to become so affiliated will deprive him of Commandery membership under the law; if he then fails to place himself in good standing, his name should be removed from the roster of the Commandery and record made of the facts.

Such action on the part of the Commandery it seems to the committee is necessary in order that the roll of membership may be correctly kept and every man accounted for, which it would be impossible to do without some such proceeding. It should be remembered that the act of requesting re-instatement in Lodge and Chapter, whether the same be granted or not, will hold Commandery membership free from the operation of said statute; so that, so far as that statute goes, Commandery membership remains in the control of the individual himself. This seems heretofore to have been imperfectly understood, but as Grand Encampment has interpreted and re-affirmed said statute at its late session so that there is now no doubt as to its construction, this explanation is here given.

We are of opinion that the Right Eminent correctly decided the question and recommend that the decision be approved.

As to the question (p. 40, Pro. May, 1901) what proceeding other than request, which had already been made by a Commandery of this jurisdiction of a foreign Encampment (Saint John, N. B.), to be permitted to confer certain orders upon one of its candidates temporarily residing within this jurisdiction, it was correctly answered; but the correspondence between the two bodies should have been conducted through the respective Grand Commanders, which does not appear to have been the case. (Code Gr. Enc. U. S. Title XIV, Sec. 2).

Numerous other questions were asked the Right Eminent respecting matters which are already settled by written law; such questions were answered by referring the inquirers to the statutes governing the case.

### DISPENSATIONS.

Twelve dispensations were granted during the period intervening between the Annual Conclave and the date of the address under review, for the following purposes, viz.:

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| To enable a Commandery to hold a special election for the purpose of filling an important office, the Sir Knight elected thereto having declined to serve | 1 |
| To enable a Commandery to appear in Templar uniform at a ball, to be given under Masonic auspices | 1 |
| To enable a Commandery to parade in Templar uniform in honor of its seventy-fifth anniversary, and to welcome thereto a visiting Commandery from another jurisdiction | 1 |
| To enable a Commandery of another jurisdiction to enter this | 1 |
| To enable Commanderies to attend public worship organized, and in Templar uniform | 5 |

We recommend the approval of those above specified.

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| One dispensation was granted to enable a Commandery to remove its asylum to another house within its own jurisdiction (Pro. May, 1901, p. 40) | 1 |
| And two were granted to enable Commanderies to hold Special Conclaves for the purpose of receiving petitions for the orders | 2 |

Respecting the dispensation authorizing a Commandery to remove its asylum, we report that it was granted at request of the council officers of the Commandery pursuant to a vote passed at a Stated Conclave by a substantial majority of the members present after due notice to the members that the matter would then be acted on.

Title XXXI, Sec. 2 of, the Code of Statutes says:

> "A Commandery may remove its asylum from one house to another, in the same place, by a vote of a majority of its members present at a Stated Conclave, and after due notice of the proposed change."

And Resolves, Etc., Grand Commandery, page 40, says:

> "A Commandery can do only those things authorized in its charter, and it must do those things in the place where located by the Grand Commandery."

It is evident that a reasonable construction of the phrase "place where located by the Grand Commandery" is any suitable location within its own jurisdiction to which a majority of its members present at a Stated Conclave vote to move, due notice having been that action on such a proposition would then be taken.

It appears to the committee, from the statement of the case in the address under review and other papers relating thereto submitted to us, that the transfer of the Commandery to its new location is legal, and might have been lawfully made without a dispensation, under authority of the statute above quoted, though the request for, and the granting of such permission brought the matter directly under the observation of the Grand Commander, and the Grand Commandery thereby became officially informed of the change, which it of course ought to have been.

As the case stands before the committee, approval of the dispensation is recommended.

Regarding the later phase of the transaction, viz.: the motion to reconsider the vote which authorized the removal, of which it appears due notice was given, the vote being reached resulted in a tie (that of the Commander not being counted, he voting, however, in the negative), and was lost under universal parliamentary usage.

It seemed that the right of the Commander to vote was questioned. The right of the Commander to vote on any question is settled beyond all doubt; see Constitution Mass. and R. I. Art. II, Sec. 12, which says:

"In every Conclave of Knights all questions except of the admission of candidates and members, and of matters specially reserved by the By-Laws, shall be decided by a majority vote—the presiding officer, if a member, being entitled to one vote, and, in case of a tie, to the casting vote."

As shown by the face of the papers, which include full copies of the record relating to the transaction, the proceedings appear to the committee to be entirely regular, and the incident closed.

Respecting the dispensations granted to enable Commanderies to hold Special Conclaves for the purpose of receiving petitions for the orders, the committee believe such action to be unwise and contrary to the spirit of the regulation which prohibits balloting at such Conclaves. It savors of undue haste and can in no sense be considered an emergency, and besides, it places a Commandery in an undignified position to be subject to a call to meet out of time for the convenience of some belated or suddenly inspired candidate, or the friends of such. The committee believe that the Order would be benefited if the reception of petitions were placed under the same restrictions as are thrown about balloting.

The committee are aware that the practice has prevailed to a limited extent heretofore, but believe the time has come when it should be discontinued, there being a growing tendency to ask for suspension of the law for individual convenience which will or may develop into indifference to, and then disregard of, constitutional requirements.

We believe that in the interest of orderly procedure, the reception of petitions for the orders at Special Conclaves should be prohibited, and we so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
CHARLES A. STOTT,
ROBERT H. CHAMBERLAIN,
*Committee.*

BOSTON, October 30, 1901.

The report was accepted, approved, and the recommendation therein contained adopted unanimously.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence, through R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, reported in print, and copies of the report were distributed to the members present.

## COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

BOSTON, October 30, 1901.

*To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island :*

The Committee on By-Laws recommend for approval without change the full codes of by-laws of Calvary Commandery, No. 13, and of Gethsemane Commandery, No. 35, and amendments to the by-laws of Joseph Warren Commandery, No. 26, herewith submitted, all of which have been examined by the committee and found to conform to the requirements of this Grand Commandery and of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Courteously submitted,
WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE,
FRANK W. MEAD,
HARRY HUNT,
*Committee on By-Laws.*

Report of Committee on By-Laws was by vote accepted and approved.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REMAINDER OF ADDRESS OF R. E. SIR MESSENGER, OF MAY, 1901.

*To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island :*

The Special Commitee, to whom was referred "the remainder of the Address" delivered by the R. E. Grand Commander at the Semi-Annual Conclave, held in Providence, May 24, 1901, herewith present sent their report.

An examination of the address shows that the portion so referred includes the Grand Commander's appropriate mention of the taking away by death of several well-known and deservedly esteemed members of this Grand Body. The address also contains notices of recently deceased Sir Knights who were prominent in sister jurisdictions.

Your committee call attention to this portion of the address that they may commend the "in memoriam" words of the Grand Commander as suggestive of tender, chastened feeling, and of sober meditation.

Your committee would also express their approval of the action of Grand Commander Messenger in proffering the hospitality of this

Grand Body to members of the Massachusetts Union of Knights Templars Commanders from other jurisdictions, who might be in Providence during the Semi-Annual Conclave—a meeting of the Union having been called in that city on the evening of the day of Grand Commandery meeting.

Courteously submitted,

HENRY W. RUGG,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
HERBERT F. MORSE,
*Committee.*

BOSTON, October 30, 1901.

Report accepted and ordered spread upon the records.

## V. E. GRAND GENERALISSIMO OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The R. E. Grand Commander at this time introduced to Grand Commandery V. E. Sir and Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D., Grand Generalissimo of Grand Encampment of the United States, who addressed the Em. Sir Knights, receiving at the close of his remarks, the hearty and cordial greetings of all present.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TWENTY-EIGHTH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, AUGUST 27 TO 29, 1901.

*To the R. Em. Grand Commander, Officers, and Em. Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Your committee on Twenty-eighth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27–29, 1901, would report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, with the following statement of the results of their action:

The committee proceeded to Louisville, Ky., accompanied by the following Em. Sir Knights:

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| R. E. Sir Winthrop Messenger | Grand Commander, |
| V. E. Sir George E. Hilton | Deputy Grand Commander, |
| Em. Sir B. W. Rowell | Acting Grand Generalissimo, |
| Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey | Grand Captain-General, |
| Em. Sir E. Bentley Young | Grand Standard Bearer, |
| Em. Sir John D. Monroe | Grand Warder, |
| Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce | Grand Captain of the Guards, |

and the following Past Grand Commanders:

R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott,
R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson,
R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse,
R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders,
R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn,
R. E. Sir James Swords,
R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence.

There were also in attendance from this Grand Jurisdiction R. Em. Sir Henry W. Rugg and R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule. They, being officially connected with the Grand Encampment, were obliged to proceed some days in advance of the party. R. Em. Sir Wm. H. H. Soule returned with the party.

This Grand Commandery's headquarters were established at the Galt House, corner First and Main streets, and the representatives of the Grand Commandery were untiring in their efforts to maintain the record this Grand Body enjoys for Knightly hospitality.

The headquarters were opened at all times from the moment of our arrival until the departure for the reception of the Fraters and their ladies, and the general reception was given on Wednesday, the 28th of August, which was attended by more than three thousand Sir Knights.

Your committee made a decided departure upon this occasion from their usual mode of procedure, the guests being received at the rooms of the headquarters, and after being welcomed were conducted to the large dining-room of the Galt House, where a collation was spread and partaken of by more than one thousand.

We are pleased to report that the expenditures of your committee did not equal the appropriation made by vote of the Grand Body, and they report an unexpended balance of $718.48, which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The following is the detailed statement of the expenses of your committee.

### FINANCIAL.

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|---|---|
| Received from J. H. Upham, Grand Treasurer, by vote of Grand Commandery, May, 1901 | $2,500 00 |

### DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---|---|
| Railroad fares and expense of Committee on Arrangements. | $323 75 |
| Postage for reception invitations | 7 15 |
| Printing invitations and envelopes | 38 75 |
| Grand Commandery badges | 51 35 |
| Horses and equipments | 97 50 |
| Carriages for committees | 16 00 |
| Painting sign for headquarters | 5 00 |
| Decorating headquarters, and flowers | 103 15 |
| Galt House, for rent of headquarters and banquet at reception | 1,028 50 |
| Putting up and taking down banners and sign | 43 52 |
| Waiters and incidentals | 35 00 |
| Total | $1,781 52 |
| Receipts | 2,500 00 |
| Expenditures | 1,781 52 |
| Balance | $718 48 |

The experience of your committee at the Twenty-eighth Conclave adds stronger evidence that the early action by this Grand Commandery in securing headquarters that were satisfactory and desirable was not taken too soon, and your committee recommend that a committee be appointed with full power to make all necessary arrangements for the comfort of the officers of this Grand Commandery and its representatives who may attend the Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be holden at San Francisco, Cal., in 1904.

Fraternally submitted,

WINTHROP MESSENGER,
WILLIAM H. H. SOULE,
BENJ. W. ROWELL,
JAMES SWORDS.

On motion, the report was accepted, approved, and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as the Committee on Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment, at San Francisco, Cal., in 1904, Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, chairman; R. E. Sir James Swords, and Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey.

The R. E. Grand Commander stated that it was a great pleasure to have present with us this day a distinguished Frater from a sister Grand Jurisdiction, and introduced to Grand Commandery R. E. Sir Clayton J. Farrington, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine.

R. E. Sir Farrington acknowledged the hearty greeting accorded him by the Em. Sir Knights present by a speech that was much appreciated and enjoyed.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DAY.

The Committee of the Day reported that dinner was ready to be served in the banquet hall, and tickets would be distributed to all present upon application to the Grand Recorder.

### AT REFRESHMENT.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the R. E. Grand Commander declared a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Sir Knights then repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed a bountiful repast that had been prepared under the supervision of the Committee of the Day.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 2 o'clock and 15 minutes having arrived, the Sir Knights were called to order in the Asylum, and the business of the Conclave proceeded with.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BOSTON, October 30th, 1901.

The Committee on Finance recommend the passage of the following:

*Voted,* That the Trustees of the Grand Fund be and they are hereby directed to cancel the item of thirty-four shares of the Market National Bank from the assets of the Grand Fund, in accordance with the recommendation contained in their report this day.

And it was unanimously so ordered.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The R. E. Grand Commander declared that by constitutional enactment the election of officers was now in order, and announced the appointment of R. E. Sirs James Swords, Caleb Saunders, and Em. Sir John H. Bowker as a committee to receive, sort, and count ballots.

The committee presently reported that the whole number of ballots cast for R. E. Grand Commander were for V. E. Sir George E. Hilton, and he was declared elected. All the Past Grand Commanders present were appointed as a committee to wait upon Em. Sir Hilton, inform him of his election, and present him to the R. E. Grand Commander.

The committee, through R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg acting as chairman, in a very impressive manner performed the duty assigned them, R. E. Sir Hilton receiving from the lips of the R. E. Grand Commander words that received and merited the applause of the Sir Knights. R. E. Sir Hilton's response was short, but impressive.

### SECOND COMMITTEE ON ELECTION.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the appointment of a second Committee on Election, consisting of Em. Sirs Smith B. Harrington, Lafayette G. Blair, and Harry Hunt.

The election was then proceeded with, the tellers making the following announcement:

The committee reported the whole number of votes for V. E. Deputy Grand Commander as 149, all of which were for Em. Sir George H. Kenyon, and he was declared elected, and accepted the office.

For Em. Grand Generalissimo, the whole number of votes was reported as 150, of which Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey had 143, and was declared elected, and accepted the office.

For Em. Grand Captain-General, the whole number of votes was reported as 155, of which Em. Sir Dana J. Flanders had 144, and was declared elected, and accepted the office.

For Em. Grand Senior Warden, the whole number of votes was reported as 147, of which 126 were for

Em. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett, and he was declared elected, and accepted the office.

For Em. Grand Junior Warden, the whole number of votes was reported as 152, of which Em. Sir Lafayette G. Blair had 1; R. E. Sir James Swords had 1; Em. Sir Henry S. Rowe had 1; Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham had 1; Em. Sir Joseph W. Hill had 2; Em. Sir John D. Monroe had 20; and Em. Sir E. Bentley Young had 126; and Em. Sir E. Bentley Young was declared elected, and accepted the office.

For Em. Grand Treasurer, all the votes having been cast for Em. Sir James H. Upham, he was declared re-elected.

For Em. Grand Recorder, Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell having received all the votes cast, he was declared re-elected.

For Trustee of the Grand Fund for three years, R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence received the unanimous vote, and was declared elected.

### INSTALLATION OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

The R. E. Grand Commander elect was then installed into his office by R. E. Sir Messenger, after which R. E. Sir Hilton announced the following appointments:

Em. Grand Prelate, Em. and Rev. Sir Charles T. Morgan.

Em. Grand Standard Bearer, Em. Sir Charles I. Litchfield, of No. 2.

Em. Grand Sword Bearer, Em. Sir John D. Monroe, of No. 25.

Em. Grand Warder, Em. Sir J. Herbert Bowen, of No. 36.

Em. Grand Captain of Guards, Em. Sir Charles A. Peabody, of No. 5.

Em. Grand Sentinel, Em. Sir William E. Wilcox, of No. 22.

Em. Grand Lecturers, Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, of No. 1; Em. Sir Albion F. Welch, of No. 18; Em. Sir Thomas J. Evans, of No. 31; Em. Sir Charles A. Estey, of No. 28.

*Committee on Foreign Correspondence.*—R. E. Sir and Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D., of No. 1.

*Committee on Jurisprudence.*—R. E. Sir George H. Burnham, of No. 1; R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott, of No. 9; R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain, of No. 5.

*Committee on Finance.*—Em. Sir Arthur G. Pollard, of No. 9; R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse, of No. 26; Em. Sir Smith B. Harrington, of No. 20.

*Committee on By-Laws.*—Em. Sir William B. Lawrence, of No. 2; Em. Sir Frank W. Mead, of No. 7; Em. Sir Harry Hunt, of No. 20.

*Committee on Printing.*—Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, of No. 36; Em. Sir Thomas Kellough, of No. 28; Em. Sir Thomas W. Rogers, of No. 36.

*Committee on Credentials.*—Em. Sir Henry H. Litchfield, of No. 2; Em. Sir Frank H. Mason, of No. 31; Em. Sir Henry W. Wilder, of No. 41.

### INSTALLATION.

The officers elected and appointed were then installed into their respective offices by V. E. Sir and Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D., Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

### PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

R. E. Sir George E. Hilton then presented to R. E. Sir Messenger the regulation jewel, supplementing his remarks with words of personal commendation for the faithful service R. E. Sir Messenger had given to the Grand Commandery.

The remarks of the speaker and recipient were feelingly expressed, and merited and received the hearty expressions of satisfaction given by the Em. Sir Knights present.

The business of the Conclave being concluded, the R. E. Grand Commander expressed his thanks for the attention of the E. Sir Knights in attendance. The Grand Commandery was then declared adjourned after devotions led by V. E. Sir and Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D.

A true record of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at its Conclaves held during the year.

ATTEST:

B. W. Rowell,
*Grand Recorder.*

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## Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

AND THE

APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
LYNN, MASS., NOV. 2, 1901, A. O. 783.

GENERAL ORDERS,
Series 1901–1902,
No. 1.

The several Commanderies within this jurisdiction are assigned for official visitation and inspection as follows:

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|---|---|
| To V. Em. Sir GEORGE H. KENYON, Deputy Grand Commander, | Washington, No. 4.<br>Sutton, No. 16.<br>St. Omer, No. 21. |
| To Em. Sir FREEMAN C. HERSEY, Em. Grand Generalissimo, | St. John's, No. 1.<br>De Molay, No. 7.<br>Palestine, No. 10.<br>Cœur de Lion, No. 34. |
| To Em. Sir DANA J. FLANDERS, Em. Grand Captain-General, | Gethsemane, No. 35.<br>Olivet, No. 36.<br>Bay State, No. 38.<br>Beauseant, No. 41. |
| To Em. Sir EDWIN A. BLODGETT, Em. Grand Senior Warden, | Boston, No. 2.<br>Worcester County, No. 5.<br>St. Bernard, No. 12.<br>Jerusalem, No. 19. |
| To Em. Sir E. BENTLEY YOUNG, Em. Grand Junior Warden, | Springfield, No. 6.<br>Holy Sepulchre, No. 8.<br>Bristol, No. 29.<br>South Shore, No. 31. |
| To Em. Sir CHARLES I. LITCHFIELD, Em. Grand Standard Bearer, | Newburyport, No. 3.<br>Milford, No. 11.<br>Old Colony, No. 15.<br>Cambridge, No. 42. |
| To Em. Sir JOHN D. MONROE, Em. Grand Sword Bearer, | Haverhill, No. 14.<br>Bethany, No. 17.<br>Narragansett, No. 27.<br>Joseph Warren, No. 26. |
| To Em. Sir WALTER W. BURNHAM, Em. Grand Lecturer, | Pilgrim, No. 9.<br>Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25.<br>Natick, No. 33.<br>Cyprus, No. 39. |
| To Em. Sir A. FRANK WELCH, Em. Grand Lecturer, | Calvary, No. 13.<br>Berkshire, No. 22.<br>Trinity, No. 32.<br>Bethlehem, No. 43.<br>Orange, No. 45. |

To Em. Sir Thomas J. Evans, Em. Grand Lecturer,
- Connecticut Valley, No. 23.
- Woonsocket, No. 24.
- William Parkman, No. 28.
- Athol, No. 37.
- Ivanhoe, No. 46.

To Em. Sir Charles A. Estey, Em. Grand Lecturer,
- Winslow Lewis, No. 18.
- Hugh de Payens, No. 20.
- Northampton, No. 30.
- St. Paul, No. 40.
- St. George, No. 44.

Commanderies who have not complied with the law requiring ten per cent. of all candidate fees to be set aside as a permanent fund, are notified to at once comply with the law, and the inspecting officers will report any failure to comply.

Special attention is called to the code of statutes of the Grand Encampment, which provides that petitions must be signed with the full name. You will therefore see that no initials are used in signing or filling in petitions.

Immediately upon the death of any Past Commander or officer in your Commandery, a notice of the same should be forwarded at once to the Grand Recorder. The Commander of each Commandery should call the attention of the Recorder of his Commandery to this paragraph, that prompt compliance therewith may be had.

In the event of the inability of any officer to visit a Commandery assigned to him, he is hereby requested to notify the R. E. Grand Commander in time for him to make some other assignment.

The Eminent Commander of each Commandery will ascertain before the visit of the inspecting officer the actual number of uniforms owned by the Sir Knights of his Command, so as to be able to definitely report the same on the evening of the inspection.

Eminent Commanders are hereby notified that the rituals of the Order in possession of the Eminent Commander will be called for by the inspecting officer, and must be exhibited to the inspecting officer for his inspection.

The inspecting officer will report to the Right Eminent Grand Commander on or before July 1, 1902, the actual condition of the Commanderies assigned to him.

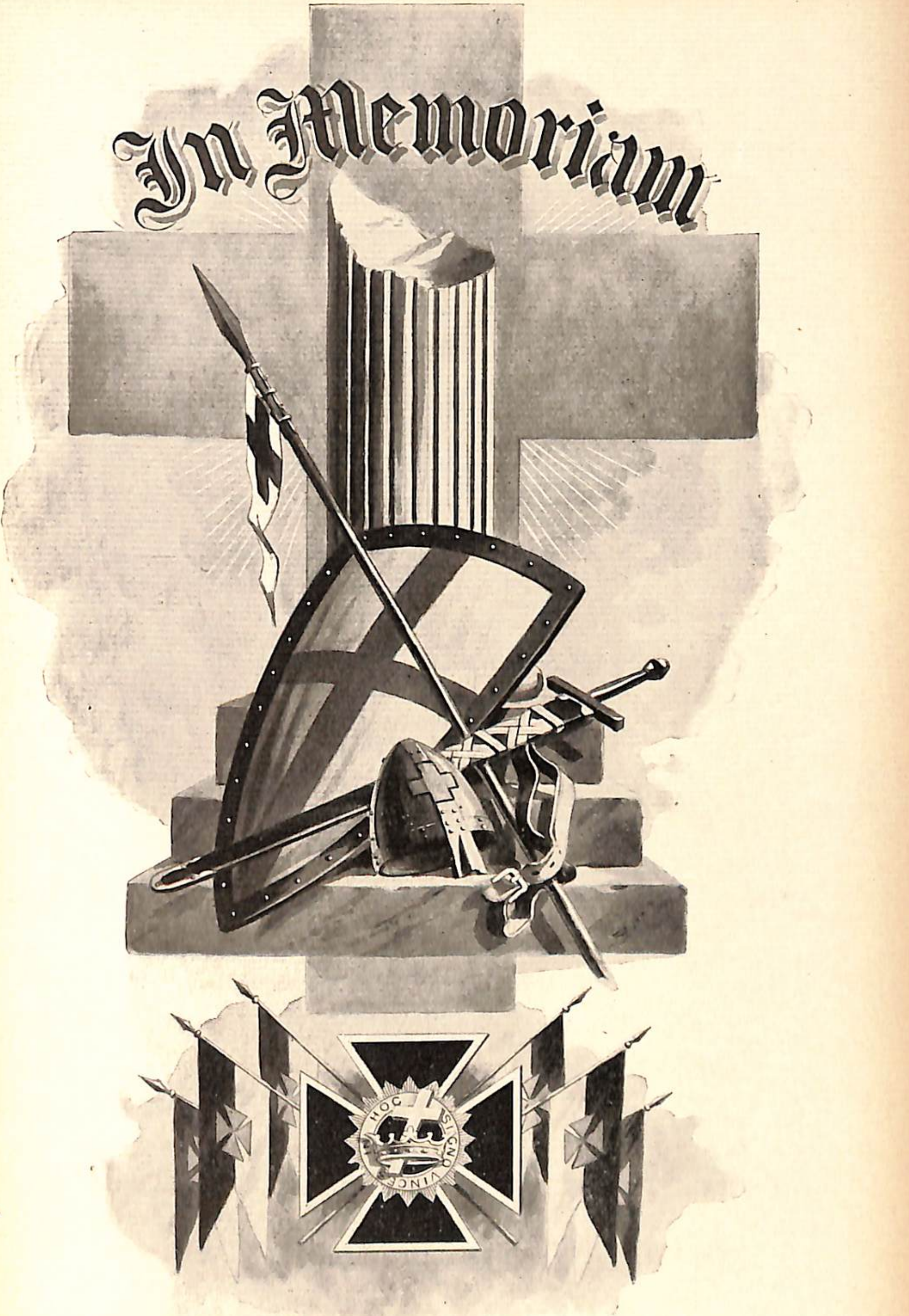
The Right Eminent Grand Commander requests the Eminent Commander of each subordinate Commandery to send a notice of each Conclave to him, and also to the inspecting officer assigned to said Commandery and to the Grand Recorder during this Templar year.

This order will be read at the head of each Commandery at the first Stated Conclave after its receipt.

[SEAL.]

GEORGE E. HILTON,
*Grand Commander.*

Attest:
B. W. Rowell,
*Grand Recorder.*



# In Memoriam.

## Inscribed to the Memory of the Honored Dead of Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

ALABAMA.

**R. E. SIR H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,**
GRAND RECORDER,
DIED DECEMBER 17, 1900.

CONNECTICUT.

**R. E. SIR JOHN W. PAUL,**
DIED MARCH 3, 1901.

**R. E. SIR DANIEL CALKINS,**
DIED MARCH 25, 1901.

COLORADO.

**EM. SIR EDWARD C. PARMALEE,**
GRAND RECORDER,
DIED MAY 10, 1901.

ILLINOIS.

**R. E. SIR CHARLES G. MAC,**
DIED SEPTEMBER 24, 1901.

**R. E. SIR WILLIAM H. TURNER,**
DIED NOVEMBER 14, 1900.

**R. E. SIR HASKELL C. CLARK,**
DIED JANUARY 16, 1901.

# In Memoriam.

## INDIANA.

**E. Sir JOSEPH WILSON,**

Grand Sword Bearer.

Died March 27, 1901.

## IOWA.

**R. E. Sir THOMAS R. GREENBRACK,**

Died August 4, 1901.

**R. E. Sir THEODORE S. PARVIN,**

Died June 28, 1901.

## KANSAS.

**Em. Sir MOSES P. ADAMS,**

Past Grand Prelate,

Died December 25, 1900.

## MISSOURI.

**Em. Sir BENJAMIN F. NELSON,**

Grand Junior Warden,

Died November 21, 1900.

**R. E. Sir JAMES F. AGLAIR,**

Died January 24, 1901.

## MAINE.

**R. E. Sir FRITZ H. TWITCHELL,**

Died February 4, 1901.

# In Memoriam.

## MISSISSIPPI.

**Em. Sir JOHN L. POWER,**

Grand Recorder,

Died September 24, 1901.

## NEBRASKA.

**R. E. Sir JAMES W. MOORE,**

Died August 2, 1901.

## NEW JERSEY.

**R. E. Sir ALBERT D. WINFIELD,**

Died April 10, 1901.

## OHIO.

**Em. Sir BENJAMIN F. TEMPLETON**

Grand Standard Bearer,

Died October 2, 1900.

**Em. Sir JOEL B. PARSONS,**

Grand Treasurer,

Died September 16, 1901.

**Em. Sir ROBERT H. LANSING,**

Past Grand Captain-General,

Died September 20, 1901.

# In Memoriam.

PENNSYLVANIA.

**R. E. Sir CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP,**

Died April 11, 1901.

TEXAS.

**Em. Sir Rev. JOHN C. CARPENTER**

Grand Prelate,

Died February 3, 1901.

VIRGINIA.

**R. E. Sir PHILIP T. WOODFIN,**

Died August 24, 1901.

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave
Await alike the inevitable hour—
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

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# NECROLOGY, 1900-1901.

# In Memoriam.

## Died—1900-1901.

*Saint John's Commandery, No. 1.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Sir Eugene Higgins | April 20, '00 |
| " John G. Hopkins | Oct. 23, '00 |
| " Francis N. Wood | Oct. 23, '00 |
| " Samuel Ames | Nov. 25, '00 |
| " Herbert E. Dodge | Feb 24, '01 |
| " William H. Carpenter | Mar. 3, '01 |
| " William H. Brown | Feb. 9, '01 |
| " Philip R. Weaver | May 5, '01 |
| " Pardon Wilbur | June 21, '01 |
| " John Warner | July 11, '01 |

*Boston Commandery, No. 2.*

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|---|---|
| Sir William H. Wilder | Sept. 26, '00 |
| " Joseph R. Richards | Sept. 28, '00 |
| " Henry M. Smith | Oct. 19, '00 |
| " John Waldron | Oct. 22, '00 |
| " Benjamin F. Tenney | Oct. 26, '00 |
| " George L. Lawrence | Nov. 17, '00 |
| " J. Thomas Baldwin | Nov. 29, '00 |
| " John Robie | Dec. 7, '00 |
| " Frank H. Howland | Dec. 28, '00 |
| " Nahum M. Morrison | Dec. 27, '00 |
| " William R. Maxwell | Jan. 11, '01 |
| E. Sir Charles C. Dame | Jan. 19, '01 |
| Sir Cadis B. Boyce | Feb. 5, '01 |
| " Alexander K. Bryer | Feb. 6, '01 |
| " Luther Adams | Feb. 13, '01 |
| " John C. Morse | Feb. 20, '01 |
| " Samuel D. Hicks | Feb. 25, '01 |
| Sir William F. Davis | Mar. 16, '01 |
| " A. Bartlett Hill | Mar. 16, '01 |
| " James W. Vinal | Mar. 21, '01 |
| " Charles S. Lincoln | April 4, '01 |
| " John W. Woodbury | April 6, '01 |
| " George A. Conant | April 22, '01 |
| " George A. King | April 29, '01 |
| " H. Alric Davis | June 12, '01 |
| " Lyman R. Mace | June 19, '01 |
| " John Mattson | June 28, '01 |
| " Walworth O. Barbour | July 2, '01 |
| " Charles H. North | July 4, '01 |
| " William S. Dillaway | Sept. 14, '01 |

*Newburyport Commandery, No. 3.*

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|---|---|
| Sir John M. Pettingill | June 24, '01 |

*Washington Commandery, No. 4.*

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|---|---|
| Sir William A. Smith | Nov. 22, '00 |
| " William Riggs | Nov. 27, '00 |
| " Augustin C. Titus | Mar. 11, '01 |
| " Howard Smith | Mar. 29, '01 |
| " William H. Schwarz | May 27, '01 |
| " Henry F. Barnard | July 8, '01 |
| " Theodore R. Helme | July 21, '01 |
| " Frank L. Powell | Sept. 30, '01 |

*Worcester County Commandery, No. 5.*

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|---|---|
| Sir Daniel N. Gibbs | Nov. 1, '00 |
| E. Sir George L. Allen | Nov. 4, '00 |

Sir Henry D. Rogers........Nov. 6, '00
" Henry Park............Nov. 26, '00
" Charles F. Bigelow.....Dec. 16, '00
" Silas Garfield...........Dec. 20, '00
" William T. Pratt.......Dec. 26, '00
" James E. Farwell......Dec. 31, '00
" Charles M. Dinsmore....Jan. 3, '01
" J. Wellman Swain.....April 30, '01
" Benjamin Booth...... May 19, '01
" Frank H. Rice..........Aug. 8, '01
" Horatio H. Marshall...Aug. 26, '01
" Charles H. Kendall....Sept. 20, '01

### *Springfield Commandery, No. 6.*

Sir John H. Rogers.........Oct. 10, '00
" Albert D. Otto.........Oct. 11, '00
" Horace W. Eddy.......Nov. 15, '00
" Joshua Taylor.........Nov. 22, '00
" Noyes W. Fisk.........Jan. 21, '01
" John C. Schmidt.......April 17, '01
" James H. Call.........April 19, '01
" Henry B. Tannatt.....April 20, '01
" Albert E. Foth..........May 2, '01
" Walter C. Gunn.........May 21, '01
" William McCormick....Aug 17, '01

### *De Molay Commandery, No. 7.*

Sir Asa H. Caton...........Oct. 14, '00
" E. Herbert Ingalls.....Nov. 10, '00
" Harry N. Andrews.....Dec. 19, '00
" Frank S. Hussey.........Jan. 8, '01
" Albert H. Kelsey.......Mar. 1, '01
" Henry A. Wentworth...Mar. 1, '01
" George D. Burgess......Mar. 4, '01
" Joshua T. Bryant......Mar. 21, '01
" Edward G. Stevens....April 11, '01
" Sidney A. Stetson.....April 14, '01
" Charles E. Nickerson..April 17, '01
" David H. Kirby.........May 4, '01
" J. Otis Wetherbee.....June 21, '01

### *Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8.*

Sir Alvin Fales Jenks......Aug. 5, '00
" Stephen Ludlow Adams.Aug. 5. '00

Sir Olney Arnold............Oct. 4, '00
" Eastwood Eastwood.....Dec. 1, '00
" George Sherman.......Dec. 18, '00
" Philip William Chase...Jan. 25, '01
" James George Fales.....Mar. 2, '01
E. Sir John Sewell Read...Mar. 25, '01
Sir Edward Card............April 8, '01
" Thomas Seamans.. ....May 31, '01
" George Gosling.........June 2, '01

### *Pilgrim Commandery, No. 9.*

Sir Francis A. Nichols.....Nov. 23, '00
" J. Henry Read..........Jan. 26, '01
" Lorenzo Phelps.........April 23, '01
" William W. Butler....Sept. 18, '01

### *Palestine Commandery, No. 10.*

Sir Thomas L. Churchill...Dec, 17, '00
" John O. Fryer...........May 2, '01
" Thomas B. Jones........May 7, '01
" Alexander S. McIntire..Aug. 9, '01

### *Milford Commandery, No. 11.*

Sir J. Russel Claflin.......Nov. 10, '00
" James Houghton........July 1, '01

### *St. Bernard Commandery, No. 12.*

Sir John E. Sylvester......Aug. 12, '01

### *Calvary Commandery, No. 13.*

Sir William S. Hayward....Nov. 5, '00
" George L. Herrick.....Nov. 18, '00
" George B. Chase.......Dec. 22, '00
" Frank B. Champlin....Dec. 23, '00
" Josiah L. Webster......Feb. 18, '01
E. Sir Henry R. Barker....Mar. 17, '01
Sir William R. Brown.......May 8, '01
" George H. Trask......April 10, '01
" George Hancock.......May 13, '01
" Edwin Baker...........May 15, '01
" Eleazer Tansby.........June 6, '01
" Clifford A. Harrington..June 8, '01
" Joseph Baker..........June 23, '01

### *Haverhill Commandery, No. 14.*

Sir David B. Tenney........Oct. 4, '00
" John D. Kimball.......Nov. 21, '00
" J. G. S. Little..........Dec. 20, '00
" George Cogswell.......April 21, '01
" Daniel J. Poole........June 15, '01
" Lawrence S. Smith......July 2, '01

### *Old Colony Commandery, No. 15.*

Sir Benjamin L. Nash.....Nov. 24, '00
" Eli E. Gurney..........May 13, '01
" William S. Danforth...June 19, '01
" Joshua Dean............Aug. —, '01

### *Sutton Commandery, No. 16.*

Sir Henry Clay..............Jan. 2, '01
" Sir Rufus Cass..........Feb. 9, '01
" James B. Cook.........Feb. 17, '01
" John A. Lee............Feb. 23, '01
E. Sir Ezekiel C. Gardiner.Aug. 10, '01
Sir Eric M. Galnelson.....Aug. 19, '01
" Aaron Cornish..........Sept. 2, '01

### *Bethany Commandery, No. 17.*

Sir James P. Butterfield...Sept. —, '00
" James E. Shepherd....Sept. 27, '00
" John B. Penniman......Oct. 4, '00
" John G. Weston.........Oct. 7, '00
E. Sir William N. Jaquith.Dec. 27, '00
Sir George W. Sawyer......Jan. 28, '01
" James Ingalls..........Feb. 24, '01
" George Littlefield.......July 2, '01
" Robert B. Hawley.....Sept. 13, '01

### *Winslow Lewis Commandery, No. 18.*

Sir C. Warren Brown......Feb. 12, '01
" Henry F. Batchelder...Feb. 14, '01
" William G. Webber....April 6, '01
" Herbert P. Reed.......April 10, '01
" Herbert T. Carant......May 27, '01
" George Tapley.........Aug. 25, '01

### *Jerusalem Commandery No. 19.*

Sir Edward J. Cutter.......Oct. 22, '00

### *Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20.*

E. Sir Nathan J. Simonds...Nov. 1, '00
Sir Roswell C. Taylor.......Dec. 8, '00
" Sidney Howe............Dec. 9, '00
" Charles W. Cochran....Dec. 18, '00
" James C. Pearson.......Jan. 9, '01
" David S. Tucker........Feb. 11, '01
" George K. Brooks.......June 7, '01
" William T. Walker.....July 25, '01
" Fernando C. Taylor....July 11, '01

### *St. Omer Commandery, No. 21.*

Sir J. Fred Holt............Jan. 18, '01
" Joseph B. Greene.......Jan. 29, '01
" George W. Kingman....May 3, '01
" Charles E. Clark.......July 29, '01
" Elisha F. James.......Aug. 22, '01
" Philip T. Woodfin......Aug. 24, '01

### *Berkshire Commandery, No. 22.*

Sir William H. Teeling....Nov. 24, '00
" George A. Murdock....July 18, '01
" William H. Chamberlin.Aug. 9, '01

### *Connecticut Valley Commandery, No. 23.*

Sir Peter Voorhees Finch...May 3, '01

### *Woonsocket Commandery, No. 24.*

Sir George J. Baldwin.......Oct. 5, '00
" Israel B. Phillips.......Jan. 15, '01
" James Pickford........Mar. 22, '01
" Joseph S. Ambler.......June 6, '01

### *Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, No. 25.*

Sir Julius C. Anthony......Oct. 28, '00
" Josiah C. Blaisdell......Oct. 2, '00

Sir Zenus V. Carvill.......Mar. 12, '01
" John P. Henry.........Jan. 16, '01
" Edward Whittum......June 18, '01

### *Joseph Warren Commandery, No. 26.*

Sir Charles A. Wheeler....Jan. 12, '01
" William George Hanna.Jan. 15, '01
" Joseph Norris..........Jan. 27, '01
" Theo. Henry Kesselhuth.Feb. 10, '01
" John Otis McFadden...Mar. 17, '01
" Henry Basford.........April 7, '01
" Cornelius E. Marsten...May 20, '01
" Richard Olson Davis...May 28, '01

### *William Parkman Commandery, No. 28.*

Sir Colin D. Cameron......Dec. 29, '00
" William H. Clegg.......Jan. 17, '01
" Samuel R. Sanborn.....Jan. 25, '01
" Wesley A. Gove.......Mar. 12, '01
" Peter Morrison........April 23, '01
" Naroy S. Burleigh.....Aug. 12, '01
" Frank F. Allen.........Sept. 1, '01
" Henry F. Shaneck.....Sept. 14, '01
" Arthur M. Evans.....Nov. 16, 1899

### *Bristol Commandery, No. 29.*

Sir Arthur T. Robinson.....Nov. 4, '00
" Arthur E. Codding.....Dec. 22, '00
" A. M. Sperry...........Sept. 25, '01

### *Northampton Commandery, No. 30.*

Sir Charles N. Harlon......Feb. —, '01
E. Sir David W. Crafts....Mar. 12, '01
Sir Samuel N. Lee.........May 19, '01
E. Sir Josiah H. Brindle...May 26, '01
Sir Andrew N. Thorington.Sept. 3, '01

### *South Shore Commandery, No. 31.*

Sir Amos Churchill.........Mar. 3, '01
" Oliver H. P. Stoddard..April 7, '01
" Edward E. Ellms.......Aug. 8, '01

### *Trinity Commandery, No. 32.*

Sir George Bragdon.......April 29, '01
" F. A. Hartshorn......April 30, '01
" T. A. Cooledge..........Aug. 12, '01

### *Natick Commandery, No. 33.*

E. Sir Alfred H. Bryant....Nov. 2, '00
Sir Fred S. Fisher.........Mar. 13, '01

### *Coeur de Lion Commandery, No. 34.*

Sir Joseph H. Whiton.......Dec. 9, '00
" Frank C. Dunlap.......Dec. 19, '00
" Robert H. Gibby, Jr....Dec. 29, '00
" Robert H. Gibby.......Feb. 16, '01
" Frank Quennell.........Mar. 6, '01
" Charles A. Page........May 19, '01
" Lewis E. Hartshorn...June 17, '01
" John F. Chase.........June 25, '01
" Adolphus B. Gunter....July 15, '01
" Cromwell G. Rowell....Sept. 9, '01

### *Gethsemane Commandery, No. 35.*

Sir Walter A. Allen.......Nov. 19, '00
" C. L. Bailey............Dec. —, '00
" W. F. Foss..............Oct. 6, '00

### *Olivet Commandery, No. 36.*

Sir Chas. Hacker Pinkham.Nov. 10, '00
" Stephen Foster Breed...Jan. 4, '01
" William Decatur Pool..Feb. 28, '01
" George Burrill Currier.Mar. 15, '01
" Charles Coffin Fry.....Mar. 21, '01
" George Coulson.........June 7, '01

### *Athol Commandery, No. 37.*

Sir Horace Knight.........Feb. 20, '01

### *Bay State Commandery, No. 38.*

Sir Charles Henry Alden....Dec. 5, '00
" Lucius Richmond.......Mar. 7, '01
" William Lincoln Reed..May 18, '01

### *Cyprus Commandery, No. 39.*

Sir Lawrence M. Gould.....Oct. 7, '00
" Stephen B. Balkam.....Feb. 23, '01
" Henry M. Merrill.......Feb. 28, '01
" Charles S. Slafter.......Mar. 3, '01
" Julius R. Bloom.......April 28, '01
" William H. Jordan......May 1, '01

### *St. Paul Commandery, No. 40.*

Sir Charles H. Warner.....April 7, '01
" John G. Loomis........June 26, '01

### *Beauseant Commandery, No. 41.*

Sir Ira Bradley............Nov. 24, '00
" Meller S. Harlow.......Dec. 29, '00
" David Watson..........Jan. 29, '01

Sir James Breslin.........Mar. 12, '01
" Charles A. Whittemore.July 24, '01

### *Cambridge Commandery, No. 42.*

Sir Lorenzo H. Dale.......Aug. 27, '01

### *Bethlehem Commandery, No. 43.*

Sir Story Dyer Pool........Dec. 22, '00
" William Thompson.....Feb. 18, '01
" Jason Langdon Curtis.April 21, '01

### *Orange Commandery, No. 45.*

Sir Edward A. Goddard...April 26, '01

### *Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46.*

Sir Sylvester E. Call.......Dec. 10, '00

"If the spirit ever gazes
From the journeyings back;
If the immortal ever traces
O'er its mortal track;
Will thou not, O brother, meet us
Sometimes on our way,
And, in hours of sadness, greet us
As a spirit may?
Peace be with thee, O our brother,
In the spirit land!
Vainly look we for another
In thy place to stand."

# ORGANIZATION

OF THE

# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OCTOBER 30, 1901.

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*R. E. Grand Commander,*

SIR GEORGE E. HILTON, LYNN, MASS.

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## MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

Charter, March 18, 1821.

### PAST COMMANDERS.

[While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.]

Sir Rev. Solomon Sias.
Sir Thomas S. Bowles.
Sir Joseph M. Gerrish.
Sir Samuel Fessenden.

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854 it was removed from Portland to Gardner, where it is now located.

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## VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

Charter, June 16, 1825.

### PAST COMMANDERS.

*Sir Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascom, 1825.
*Sir Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D. D., 1826.
*Sir John Warner, 1827.
*Sir Rev. Joshua Flagg, 1828.

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder, November 13, 1876, and are now in the archives of the Grand Commandery.

## OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

M. E. HENRY B. STODDARD............................Bryan, Texas,
*Grand Master.*

V. E. GEORGE M. MOULTON.............................Chicago, Ill.,
*Deputy Grand Master.*

V. E. HENRY W. RUGG............................Providence, R. I.,
*Grand Generalissimo.*

V. E. WILLIAM B. MELISH.........................Cincinnati, O.,
*Grand Captain-General.*

V. E. JOSEPH A. LOCKE..............................Portland, Me.,
*Grand Senior Warden.*

V. E. FRANK H. THOMAS.........................Washington, D. C.,
*Grand Junior Warden.*

V. E. H. WALES LINES.............................Meriden, Conn.,
*Grand Treasurer.*

V. E. JOHN A. GEROW...............................Detroit, Mich.,
*Grand Recorder.*

V. E. ARTHUR MCARTHUR.............................Troy, N. Y.,
*Grand Standard Bearer.*

V. E. CHARLES C. VOGHT...........................Louisville, Ky.,
*Grand Sword Bearer.*

V. E. ROBERT STORY.............................New Orleans, La.,
*Grand Warder.*

V. E. CHARLES E. ROSENBAUM...................Little Rock, Ark.,
*Grand Captain of the Guard.*

The Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave will be held at San Francisco, California, first Tuesday in September, 1904.

## THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

### GRAND MASTERS FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE DEATH OF DE MOLAY.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hugh de Payens | 1118 | 14 | Philip de Plessis | 1201 |
| 2 | Robert of Burgundy | 1139 | 15 | William de Carnota | 1217 |
| 3 | Everard de Barri | 1147 | 16 | Peter de Montagu | 1218 |
| 4 | Bernard de Trenellape | 1151 | 17 | Armand de Petragrossa | 1229 |
| 5 | Bertrand de Blanchefort | 1154 | 18 | Herman de Petragrorius | 1237 |
| 6 | Andrew de Montbar | 1165 | 19 | William de Rupefort | 1244 |
| 7 | Philip of Naplus | 1169 | 20 | William de Sonnac | 1247 |
| 8 | Odo de St. Amand | 1171 | 21 | Reginald Vichierius | 1250 |
| 9 | Annold de Troye | 1180 | 22 | Thomas Beraud | 1257 |
| 10 | John Terricus | 1185 | 23 | William de Beaujeau | 1274 |
| 11 | Gerard Ridefort | 1187 | 24 | Theobald Gaudinius | 1291 |
| 12 | Robert Sablæus | 1191 | 25 | Jacques de Molay | 1298 |
| 13 | Gilbert Gralius | 1196 | | De Molay died in 1314. | |

## THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

### GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

| NAME. | YEARS. | RESIDENCE. | DIED. |
|---|---|---|---|
| *1 DeWitt Clinton | 1816-1828 | New York, N. Y | February 11, 1828. |
| *2 Jonathan Nye | 1829-1834 | Claremont, N. H | April 1, 1843. |
| *3 James Madison Allen | 1835-1844 | Cayuga, N. Y | ——, ——. |
| *4 Archibald Bull | 1844-1846 | Troy, N. Y | December 22, 1865. |
| *5 William B. Hubbard | 1847-1858 | Columbus, Ohio | January 5, 1866. |
| *6 Benjamin B. French | 1859-1864 | Washington, D. C | August 12, 1870. |
| 7 Henry L. Palmer | 1865-1867 | Milwaukee. Wis | ..................... |
| *8 William Sewell Gardner | 1868-1870 | Newton, Mass | October 14, 1887. |
| *9 John Q. A. Fellows | 1871-1873 | New Orleans, La | November 28, 1897. |
| 10 James H. Hopkins | 1874-1876 | Pittsburg, Pa | ..................... |
| *11 Vincent L. Hurlbut | 1877-1879 | Chicago, Ills | July 24, 1896. |
| *12 Benjamin Dean | 1880-1882 | Boston, Mass | April 9, 1897. |
| 13 Robert E. Withers | 1883-1885 | Wytheville, Va | ..................... |
| *14 Charles Roome | 1886-1889 | New York, N. Y | June 28, 1890. |
| 15 John P. S. Gobin | 1889-1892 | Lebanon, Pa | ..................... |
| 16 Hugh McCurdy | 1892-1895 | Corunna, Mich | ..................... |
| 17 Warren LaRue Thomas | 1895-1898 | Maysville, Ky | ..................... |
| 18 Reuben Hedly Lloyd | 1898-1901 | San Francisco, Cal | ..................... |
| 19 Henry B. Stoddard | 1901- | Bryan, Texas | ..................... |

* Deceased.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

As reported to Triennial Conclave of 1898, at Pittsburg, Pa.

| Name and Number. | Location. | Year of Charter. | Members. |
|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's, No. 1 | Wilmington, Delaware | 1868 | 411 |
| Honolulu, No. 1 | Honolulu, Hawaiian, Islands | 1871 | 69 |
| Idaho, No. 1 | Boise City, Idaho | 1883 | 92 |
| Lewiston, No. 2 | Lewiston, Idaho | 1892 | 27 |
| Moscow, No. 3 | Moscow, Idaho | 1892 | 46 |
| Gate City, No. 4 | Pocatello, Idaho | 1895 | 33 |
| DeWitt Clinton, No. 1 | Virginia, Nevada | 1868 | 87 |
| Eureka, No. 2 | Eureka, Nevada | 1880 | 35 |
| South Carolina, No. 1 | Charleston, South Carolina | 1823 | 114 |
| Columbia, No. 2 | Columbia, South Carolina | 1892 | 139 |
| Spartanburg, No. 3 | Spartanburg, South Carolina | 1895 | 45 |
| Greenville, No. 4 | Greenville, South Carolina | ………… | 28 |
| Utah, No. 1 | Salt Lake City, Utah | 1874 | 117 |
| El Monte, No. 2 | Ogden, Utah | 1886 | 86 |
| Total | ………… | ………… | 1,329 |

## CHRONOLOGY.

The following information regarding dates, adopted by the various bodies of Masonry, is of sufficient value to warrant its publication in our Proceedings. Dates are carried out for the year of grace, 1901.

Knights Templar, founded A. D. 1118. Hence *Anno Ordinis*, 783.

Second Temple began to be built by Zerubbabel, B. C. 530.

Hence the Royal Arch, *Anno Inventionis* (Year of Discovery), 2431.

Royal and Select Masters refer to completion of first Temple, B. C. 1000.

Hence R. and S. Masters, *Anno Dispositionis* (Year of Deposit), 2901.

Ancient Craft Masons use *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light)—Creation, 5901.

## PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| * Sir Thomas Smith Webb, Providence, R. I | St. John's, | 1805-17 |
| * Sir William Wilkinson, Providence, R. I | St. John's, | 1818-19 |
| * Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. | Boston, | 1820-25 |
| * Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I | St. John's, | 1826-28 |
| * Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1829-31 |
| * Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1832 |
| * Sir Edward Asa Raymond, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1833-34 |
| * Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1835-36 |
| * Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass | Boston, | 1837-38 |
| * Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1839-41 |
| * Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1842-44 |
| * Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1845-46 |
| * †Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1847 |
| * Sir John Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1848-50 |
| * Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I | St. John's, | 1851-53 |
| * Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass | De Molay, | 1854-55 |
| * Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1856-57 |
| * Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D., Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1858-59 |
| * Sir William Field, Providence, R. I | Holy Sepulchre, | 1860-61 |
| * Sir William Ellison, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1862 |
| * Sir William Sewall Gardner, Newton, Mass | Pilgrim, | 1863-64 |
| * Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus, Boston, Mass | St. John's, | 1865-66 |
| * Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass | St. Bernard, | 1867-68 |
| * Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass | St. Omer, | 1869-70 |
| * Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence, R. I | Calvary, | 1871-73 |
| Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass | Pilgrim, | 1874-75 |
| Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I | St. John's, | 1876-77 |
| * Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass | Worcester County. | 1878-79 |
| Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I | Calvary, | 1880-81 |
| * Sir William H. Kent, Charlestown, Mass | Cœur de Lion, | 1881-82 |
| Sir Caleb Saunders, Lawrence, Mass | Bethany, | 1882-83 |
| Sir Charles C. Hutchinson, Lowell, Mass | Pilgrim, | 1883-84 |
| Sir George H. Burnham, Providence, R. I | St. John's, | 1885-86 |
| Sir Edward P. Chapin, Springfield, Mass | Springfield, | 1886-87 |
| Sir George H. Allen, Lynn, Mass | Olivet. | 1887-88 |
| Sir Edward L. Freeman, Central Falls | Holy Sepulchre, | 1888-89 |
| Sir James Swords, Boston, Mass | Hugh de Payens, | 1889-90 |
| Sir John P. Sanborn, Newport, R. I | Washington, | 1890-91 |
| Sir Robert H. Chamberlain, Worcester, Mass | Worcester County, | 1891-92 |
| Sir William H. H. Soule, Boston, Mass | St. Omer, | 1892-93 |
| * Sir Charles C. Fry, Lynn, Mass | Olivet, | 1893-94 |
| Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass | Boston, | 1894-95 |
| * Sir Eugene H. Richards, Boston, Mass | Boston, | 1895-96 |
| Sir William R. Walker, Pawtucket, R. I | Holy Sepulchre, | 1896-97 |
| Sir Walter Cutting, Pittsfield, Mass | Berkshire, | 1897-98 |
| Sir Geo. L. Shepley, Providence, R. I | St. John's, | 1898-99 |
| Sir Herbert F. Morse, Roxbury, Mass | Joseph Warren, | 1899-00 |
| Sir Winthrop Messenger, Melrose, Mass | Hugh de Payens, | 1900-1901 |

Note.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. Grand Master, and Grand Encampment; and in 1878, Conclave or Conclaves was adopted in place of Assembly or Assemblies.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

## PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

| | |
|---|---|
| * Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. | 1818-19 |
| * Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. | 1820-24 |
| * Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. | 1825-28 |
| * Sir Josiah Whitaker, Providence, R. I. | 1829-30 |
| * Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass | 1831 |
| * Sir Thomas Power, Framingham, Mass. | 1832 |
| * Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass | 1833-34 |
| * Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass. | 1835-36 |
| * Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass | 1837-38 |
| * Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass. | 1839-41 |
| * Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. | 1842-44 |
| * Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass. | 1845-46 |
| * Sir John Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass. | 1847 |
| * Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I. | 1848-50 |
| * Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass | 1851-53 |
| * Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass. | 1854-55 |
| * Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass. | 1856-57 |
| * Sir William Field, Providence, R. I. | 1858-59 |
| * Sir William Ellison, Boston, Mass. | 1860-61 |
| * Sir Edwin C. Bailey. | 1862 |
| * Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus, Boston, Mass | 1863-64 |
| * Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass. | 1865-66 |
| * Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass. | 1867-68 |
| * Sir William Steele Shurtleff, Springfield, Mass | 1869-70 |
| Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass | 1871-73 |
| Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I | 1874-75 |
| Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass | 1875-76 |
| * Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass. | 1876-77 |
| Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I | 1878-79 |
| * Sir William H. Kent, Charlestown, Mass. | 1880 |
| Sir Caleb Saunders, Lawrence, Mass. | 1881-82 |
| Sir Charles C. Hutchinson, Lowell, Mass | 1883-84 |
| Sir George H. Burnham, Providence, R. I. | 1885-86 |
| Sir Edward P. Chapin, Springfield, Mass | 1886-87 |
| Sir George H. Allen, Lynn, Mass. | 1887-88 |
| Sir Edward L. Freeman, Central Falls, R. I. | 1888-89 |
| Sir James Swords, Boston, Mass. | 1889-90 |
| Sir John P. Sanborn, Newport, R. I | 1890-91 |
| Sir Robert H. Chamberlain, Worcester, Mass | 1891-92 |
| Sir William H. H. Soule, Boston, Mass | 1892-93 |
| *†Sir Nathan S. Kimball, Haverhill, Mass | 1893 |
| Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass | 1893-94 |
| * Sir Eugene H. Richards, Boston, Mass. | 1894-95 |
| Sir William R. Walker, Pawtucket, R. I. | 1895-96 |
| Sir Walter Cutting, Pittsfield, Mass. | 1896-97 |
| Sir George L. Shepley, Providence, R. I. | 1897-98 |
| Sir Herbert F. Morse, Roxbury, Mass. | 1898-99 |
| Sir Winthrop Messenger, Melrose, Mass. | 1899-00 |
| Sir George E. Hilton, Lynn, Mass. | 1900-01 |

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* Deceased. † Died in office.

## PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

| | |
|---|---|
| * Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. | 1805-17 |
| * Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. | 1818-19 |
| * Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. | 1820-24 |
| * Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass. | 1825-28 |
| * Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass. | 1829-30 |
| * Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass. | 1831 |
| * Sir Edward Asa Raymond, Boston, Mass. | 1832 |
| * Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass. | 1833-34 |
| * Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass. | 1835 |
| * Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass. | 1836 |
| * Sir John Flint, M. D , Boston, Mass. | 1836-38 |
| * Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. | 1839-41 |
| * Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass. | 1842-44 |
| * Sir James Saulsbury, Providence, R. I. | 1845 |
| * Sir John Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass. | 1846 |
| * Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I | 1847 |
| * Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass. | 1848-50 |
| * Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass. | 1851-53 |
| * Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass. | 1854-55 |
| * Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I. | 1856 |
| * Sir Samuel Lewis, Providence, R. I. | 1857 |
| * Sir Charles Robbins, Boston, Mass. | 1858-59 |
| * Sir Edwin C. Bailey. | 1860-61 |
| * Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass. | 1862 |
| * Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass | 1863-64 |
| * Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I. | 1865 |
| * Sir Henry Butler, Providence, R. I | 1866 |
| * Sir William Bullock Blanding, Providence, R. I. | 1867-68 |
| * Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence, R. I. | 1869-70 |
| * Sir Horace Daniels, Pawtucket, R. I. | 1871-73 |
| * Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass. | 1874-75 |
| * Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass. | 1875-76 |
| Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I. | 1876-77 |
| * Sir William H. Kent, Charlestown, Mass. | 1878-79 |
| Sir Caleb Saunders, Lawrence, Mass | 1880 |
| Sir George H. Burnham, Providence, R. I. | 1881-82 |
| * Sir George W. Fay, East Weymouth, Mass. | 1883-84 |
| Sir Edward P. Chapin, Springfield, Mass. | 1884-85 |
| Sir George H. Allen, Lynn, Mass | 1885-86 |
| Sir Edward L. Freeman, Central Falls, R. I. | 1886-87 |
| Sir James Swords, Boston, Mass. | 1887-88 |
| Sir John P. Sanborn, Newport, R. I. | 1888-89 |
| Sir Robert H. Chamberlain, Worcester, Mass. | 1889-90 |
| Sir William H. H. Soule, Boston, Mass | 1890-91 |
| * Sir Nathan S. Kimball, Haverhill, Mass. | 1891-92 |
| * Sir Charles C. Fry, Lynn, Mass | 1892-93 |
| * Sir Eugene H. Richards, Boston, Mass | 1893-94 |
| Sir William R. Walker, Pawtucket, R. I. | 1894-95 |
| Sir Walter Cutting, Pittsfield, Mass. | 1895-96 |
| Sir George L. Shepley, Providence, R. I. | 1896-97 |
| Sir Herbert F. Morse, Roxbury, Mass | 1897-98 |
| Sir Winthrop Messenger, Melrose, Mass. | 1898-99 |
| Sir George E. Hilton, Lynn, Mass. | 1899-00 |
| E. Sir George H. Kenyon, Providence, R. I. | 1900-01 |

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* Deceased.

# PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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| * Sir Jonathan Gage, Newburyport, Mass. | 1805-14 |
| * Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. | 1815-17 |
| * Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. | 1818-19 |
| * Sir Henry Purkitt, Boston, Mass. | 1820-22 |
| * Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass. | 1823-24 |
| * Sir Josiah Whitaker, Providence, R. I. | 1825-28 |
| * Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass. | 1829-30 |
| * Sir Thomas Power, Framingham, Mass. | 1831 |
| * Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass. | 1832 |
| * Sir Joseph Young, Jr., Newburyport, Mass. | 1833 |
| * Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass. | 1834 |
| * Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass. | 1835 |
| * Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass. | 1836 |
| * Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. | 1837-38 |
| * Sir William Field, Providence, R. I. | 1839-41 |
| * Sir Barney Merry, Pawtucket, R. I. | 1842-43 |
| * Sir James Saulsbury, Providence, R. I. | 1844 |
| * Sir Samuel Fessenden, Portland, Me. | 1845 |
| * Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I | 1846 |
| * Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass. | 1847 |
| * Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D., Boston, Mass. | 1848-49 |
| * Sir Moses Richardson, Providence. R. I. | 1850 |
| * Sir Asa Woodbury, Wilkinsonville, Mass. | 1851-53 |
| * Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I. | 1854-55 |
| * Sir James Warham Cooke, Springfield, Mass | 1856 |
| * Sir John Blake Read, Pawtucket, R. I. | 1857 |
| * Sir George Francis Wilson, Providence, R. I | 1858-59 |
| * Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass | 1860-61 |
| * Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus, Taunton, Mass | 1862 |
| * Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I. | 1863-64 |
| * Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass | 1865-66 |
| * Sir William Steele Shurtleff, Springfield, Mass | 1867-68 |
| Sir Charles Adams Stott, Lowell, Mass | 1869-70 |
| * Sir Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass. | 1871-73 |
| * Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass. | 1874-75 |
| Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I. | 1875-76 |
| Sir George E. Stacy, Milford, Mass. | 1876-77 |
| Sir Caleb Saunders, Lawrence, Mass | 1878-79 |
| Sir George H. Burnham, Providence, R. I. | 1880 |
| Sir Charles C. Hutchinson, Lowell, Mass | 1881-82 |
| Sir Edward P. Chapin, Springfield, Mass | 1883-84 |
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# REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

In the preparation of this paper our first thought has reference to that spirit of progress which is now manifest throughout the world. The contrasts which may be traced between former and present conditions are many and great. There has been a notable advance all along the way.

It is the opening year of the twentieth century. The nineteenth century having gathered to itself a plenitude of riches has made over to its successor the gifts and helps of an ample endowment. With such affluence of equipment the new century may be expected to show a spirit of advancement, alike in things material and in the things pertaining to the higher life of man.

It may not be unprofitable to pause for a moment and note some of the differences between the early days of the nineteenth and of the twentieth centuries. Whatever may be our point of view, a suggestive contrast presents itself. Shall we consider our own country and its rapid development? One hundred years ago the United States comprised but a limited territory, with a considerable portion of that territory still in the hands of the aborigines. Our country now extends from Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico, and includes the whole broad sweep between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans. Territorial expansion has brought under our country's flag rich islands close at hand, with those of the Pacific ocean and the distant orient.

The population of our republic one hundred years ago was about five and one-half millions; now it is upwards of seventy-six millions, and if we add the population of Hawaii, Porto Rico, and the Philippines we have ten millions more.

One hundred years ago there was not a steam railroad in all the world, not a practicable steamboat, not a telegraph line, nor the slightest hint of extending the range of the human voice by the telephone. Now the civilized portions of the earth are belted and intertwined by lines of steam railways. Vessels propelled by steam go to and fro on all the oceans and seas, and up and down every navigable river. There are more than two hundred thousand miles of telegraph lines in the United States. Men in widely separated towns and cities talk with each other, by use of the telephone, as though they were sitting in the same room.

Most assuredly the nineteenth century far excelled all other centuries in the matters of science and invention. A modern writer who is eminent authority on the subject—Mr. Alfred Russell Wallace—makes assertion "that the inventions, discoveries, and practical applications of science, to be credited to the last hundred years, both outnumber and outweigh all of earlier date." The advances in material resources and in the things which contribute most to general comfort have not been less marked—at least in our own country—and there have been equally rapid strides in the way of promoting general education and meeting the social and moral needs of life. The humanities were never so much recognized as now. Never before were there so many forces at work to ameliorate the ills of mankind and to help our race to the attainment of highest good.

Thus with ardent hope, with large and confident expectations, we enter upon the new century and forecast its grand possibilities. We believe that the kingdom of Fraternity is foretold! We sing, with the poet:

Be still, O Soul: the Future is secure;
For one is knocking at the gate of life,
The Social Man, the ruler of the sphere,
And in his brain he bears the Golden Law,
And in his heart a music—in his feet

The free, unselfish service of the State.
Hasten, O men, make ready with glad hand,
Spread the white table of Fraternity;
The high joy falters till the Great Guest comes.

If we fix our view on the conditions and prospects of Templary, we find abundant cause for the indulgence of a glad and grateful feeling. One hundred years ago there were but few distinctive organizations of Knights Templars. The ancient Knights Templars, whose renown illumines the history of the crusades, had not been able to bequeath to their successors the lands and cities, the temples and fortresses, which they once held. The Order which for two hundred years—from the time of Hugh de Payens to the time of Jacques de Molay—had flourished so greatly became practically extinct. There can be no question of the fact that after the martyrdom of De Molay, in 1313, the suppression and dispersion of the once powerful Order quickly followed. If the Order survived, it had little more than a name to live by. The modern society of Knights Templars may not attempt to connect itself historically with the ancient Order. There is a traditional connection, however, which may well be recognized, and a sentiment of sympathy and identification which may properly be cultivated. The Templary of the crusades has sent down the centuries to us its lessons and its inspirations.

Just how and where the modern Order of Templary originated we cannot determine. We only know that in the latter part of the eighteenth century there were Knights Templars, distinguished as such among Masons. These Templar Masons had received the degree, or order, as it was then conferred by Lodges or Chapters. A few years later there were organizations formed—"Encampments." Maryland Commandery, No. 1, claims to have been the very first of such organizations, and fixes the date in 1790. It is alleged, however, that an Encampment had been formed in Charleston, S. C., even before that time. During the closing decade of the eighteenth century there is evidence to show that several "Encampments" were established in different parts of the country—at Albany, N. Y., and in New York city; at

Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Carlisle, in Pennsylvania; at Colchester, Conn.; Newburyport, Mass., and perhaps in two or three other places.

These were unconstituted associations of Knights; their records are wanting; and but very little is known respecting their establishment and proceedings. They seem to have had no strong, continuous life, and for the most part they soon fell into a dormant condition.

In the early years of the nineteenth century there was a forward movement of Templary in this country, some of the results of which are of an abiding character. Thus, in 1802, there came into existence St. Johns Encampment, Providence, and Boston Encampment, Boston, both of which have continued to this day. Other encampments were formed a little later, and a considerable work was done in organizing both Subordinate and Grand Templar Bodies. In 1816 the General Grand Encampment was organized.

The organic life of Templary did not show very much of vigor in that early period of the nineteenth century. During the fierce storm of Anti-Masonry there were but few and infrequent manifestations to attest the vitality of the Order, It was weak in numbers and resources, and exerted only a very limited influence among Masons or the outside public. So late as 1850, the Templar organizations in our home jurisdiction, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, were but seven, and their total membership was less than one thousand. Now there are forty-six Commanderies in this jurisdiction, with upwards of thirteen thousand Knights enrolled as members.

The progress to be noted at this time of contrast and review, whether our observation be limited to the home field or extended to include the whole country, means vastly more than the numerical and material advance of the Order. There has been an improvement in the working of the system—a great gain in the uniting and conserving of its forces—during recent years, thus increasing the prestige and power of our cherished Institution. Organized, applied Templary begins the twentieth century under conditions most favorable to an increase of its influence and its usefulness. The watchwords of the hour are fellowship and fidelity!

It is pleasant, indeed, to do the work of a reviewer at a time so propitious; to turn the pages of Proceedings which show the activities and progress of sister jurisdictions, and to mark the hopeful tone of those who are entitled to speak for the Order at this period of its greatest prosperity.

We present herewith a review of all Proceedings which have come to our table at the time of this writing:

## ALABAMA, 1901.

The Grand Commandery held its Forty-first Annual Conclave, in Tuscaloosa, May 8 and 9, 1901. Previous to the opening session the Grand Body, under escort of Tuscaloosa Commandery, marched through the principal streets of the city, and then partook of a banquet provided in the Asylum by the home Commandery. Grand Commander Russell M. Cunningham presided over the Conclave, which was largely attended by representatives of allegiant Commanderies, permanent members, and guests. Four of the Grand Officers were not present at the opening of Grand Commandery, among them the Grand Prelate, Rev. Owen P. Fitzsimmons, who was detained by serious illness.

The address of welcome was delivered by Past Grand Commander William G. Cochrane, Mayor of Tuscaloosa. Grand Commander Cunningham in his annual address presented an account of his official acts, supplemented by an eloquent setting forth of the "real work of our noble Order." He wisely concludes that

> As Masons and Christian Templars we should, while studying the philosophy of science, not fall into the "don't know" of agnosticism, but instead we should stand forth in the bright sunlight of faith, filled with hope and charitable to all mankind.

Sir Knight Cunningham also makes reference in his address to the death of the Grand Recorder, H. Clay Armstrong, who departed this life at his home in Auburn, December 17, 1900. Brother Armstrong had an attractive and forceful personality. He had served with ability both his State and his country in official positions. He was an honored citizen and a worthy Sir Knight. He was for some years the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near his Grand Commandery of Alabama. May his virtues be remembered and emulated by his Fraters!

The jurisdiction under review was again called upon to mourn the death of a widely known and much loved Brother, James M. Brundidge, who died at his home in Trinity, March 13, 1901. For over half a century Sir Knight Brundidge had used his time and talents in the furtherance of Masonic interests. In our last report we made mention of the reception tendered this venerable Brother at the Annual Conclave of 1900. He was greatly interested in the Symbolic, Capitular, and Cryptic degrees of Masonry, and was the "most thorough ritualist in the State."

The Grand Commander reported having issued dispensations to two new Commanderies, Talladega, No. 17, and Brewton, No. 18, which received charters by Grand Commandery vote at the Annual Conclave of 1901. He also announced the appointment of George A. Beauchamp as Grand Recorder and Henry H. Matthews as Inspector-General, to fill vacancies occasioned by the death of Sir Knight H. Clay Armstrong.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand, May 7, 1901, of $1,160.80.

Thu Inspector-General reports renewed interest in Templar Masonry in Alabama. The statistical exhibit gives the total membership of the nine constituent Commanderies as 463, May 1, 1901.

The sum of $100 was appropriated to aid suffering humanity in the city of Jacksonville, so disastrously visited by fire, and support was also pledged in the establishment and maintenance of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home in the State. The following resolution was adopted:

> *Resolved*, That the Committee on Arrangements of Grand Commandery be prohibited from entering into simultaneous arrangements with the "Shrine," and that this Grand Commandery hereby discourages said simultaneous arrangements.

The printed Proceedings contain 171 pages and have as frontispiece a portrait of Dr. Russell M. Cunningham, Grand Commander, 1900–1901.

The Report on Correspondence is by George F. Moore, and is introduced as follows:

> Your Committee on Correspondence presents its annual report in an unaccustomed form. We have for many years written these reports, and they have heretofore been "all pen work" with no extensive quotations from the Proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies. We have tried the topical method of reporting also, but this is our first essay as one of those who give the opinions of others without insisting much upon our own views. We hope our selections and remarks will be read by our Fratres, and that they will be found to be interesting.

The Grand Commandery under review voted at its last session to increase the appropriation for the Committee on Correspondence from fifty to one hundred dollars, thus emphasizing the value of Brother Moore's previous reports and showing an appreciation of the "all pen work." The Alabama correspondent, however, sometimes forgets his resolution to be a mere "clipper," and expresses his opinions in the current report with vigor and directness. He concludes that

> Reports on Correspondence have few readers. Even the correspondents themselves, as we have frequently discovered, do not always read the Proceedings which they review.

Sir Knight Moore accords generous notice to Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and calls the Grand Commander's address "very good." He quotes the opinion of the Committee on Jurisprudence respecting the granting of dispensations to ballot for candidates on short time, and evidently approves it. He also quotes liberally from the Report on Correspondence for the above-named jurisdiction, approves the reviewer's opinion on "parading," and copies his conclusion.

Robert Moulthrop, Eufaula, was elected Grand Commander; George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, was elected Grand Recorder; and George F. Moore of the same city continued as Committee on Correspondence.

## ARKANSAS, 1901.

The volume in hand contains not only the printed Proceedings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Conclave, held at Little Rock, April 16 and 17, 1901, but also reports an Emergent Conclave held at Hot Springs, October 7, 1900. The last-named session was a memorial one for Grand Commander Robert M. Smith, who, with his family, perished in the great disaster at Galveston, September 8, 1900. The untimely and tragic death of Sir Knight Smith brought sorrow to the Fraters of the jurisdiction wherein he held highest office, and to the wider circle of friends and acquaintances who felt that such a man could ill be spared from the responsibilities and fellowship of earth. This upright and able Sir Knight at the time of his death was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery and also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, this fact being unparalleled in the history of Arkansas Freemasonry and Templary. A portrait of this deceased Frater is presented on the first page of the Proceedings.

The death of the Grand Prelate, Thomas Moore, occurred June 18, 1900. This aged Brother maintained his active interest in Templary to the close of earthly life, making it a means of help to himself and to others.

The attendance at the Annual Conclave included Sir Charles E. Rosenbaum, Grand Representative, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, near the Grand Commandery of Arkansas. The Acting Grand Commander, Edgar A. McCulloch, stated in his address that there had been a net increase of twelve members in the jurisdiction during the Templar year reported.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand April 17, 1901, of $806.47.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Edgar A. McCulloch, Marianna, was elected Grand Commander; Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

## ARIZONA, 1900.

Upon calling the roll of officers of the Grand Commandery at its Eighth Annual Conclave, held in Phœnix, November 14, 1901, only one of the Grand Officers was found to be absent. The Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of Arizona, Sir George J. Roskruge, was present, and a large number of those entitled to seats in the Grand Body. Grand Commander George Shand in his annual address referred to the prosperous condition of the Order in the jurisdiction, and added that there had been a net increase in membership of twenty-four during the year reviewed. He suggested that the Grand Recorder be "allowed at least a small salary." The Committee on Finance recommended that the sum of fifty dollars a year be paid the Grand Recorder, who had faithfully filled the duties of this office without compensation for many years. It was so voted.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand, November 1, 1900, of $907.58. The sum of $100 was sent to aid the sufferers by the Galveston flood.

This jurisdiction has three constituent Commanderies, with a total membership of 191 Sir Knights.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Charles D. Belden, and occupies sixty-three printed pages of the Proceedings. It is characteristically interesting, and the reviewer evidently enjoys the work, which he stamps with much of his own individuality. Under Iowa he refers to Brother Coxe's objections to the use of intoxicants at the drinking of the Christmas toasts sent out by Sir Knight Berry under appointment of the Grand Encampment, and also quotes the present writer's opinion in the matter. He adds:

> We agree with both of you. We have never taken the ground that wine is demanded at such a ceremony. We do not prefer it. But we do not condemn its use. We defended its use on that occasion against a strong attack, knowing full well that its use was entirely decorous, and believing it added to the sentimentality of the occasion.

After referring to our expression of thought (review of 1899) respecting the granting of dispensations to Commanderies to appear in full Templar costume at certain celebrations and festivities, he raises the question as to what constitutes a "proper occasion" for such appearance of Templar bodies, and says:

> This question, which at first seemed quite trivial, has assumed such prominence that a proper regard for our own dignity requires that the Grand Encampment shall make an exact definition of the word "proper" as used in the statute.

Brother Belden, whom we met in pleasant company at Louisville, will regret with us that the Grand Encampment had so many weightier matters for consideration at the recent Conlave that it was unable to give attention to the desired definition. So the matter is still unsettled, and Grand Commanders must use individual judgment as to what is a "proper occasion" or a "Masonic occasion."

Referring to the duties of correspondents, in preparing suitable reviews of the Proceedings placed in their hands, he quotes the recorded experience of one of the Guild, Brother Van Winkle, of West Virginia, as follows:

> We tried to do the work in ten days, when writing on first reports, and while we succeeded, it was by sacrificing other matters and enduring physical suffering. We have taken nearer ninety days this time.

Correspondent Belden decides that

> Each time it seems to take longer, because we become so much more interested in each jurisdiction and each reviewer, and prefer to dally longer with each, as one will linger with a communication from a dear friend.

We are conscious of the temptation to which allusion is made by the reviewer last quoted, but this must be resisted and the personal element limited in order that the general good of the jurisdiction to whose membership such a report is addressed may be most wisely served. For ourself, we confess we like to do the work of review while at "white heat," and not resting until "*finis*" is written. Even when this close application is given, we have not yet succeeded in finishing the report within a ten-days' limit.

Frederic G. Brecht, Prescott, was elected Grand Commander; George J. Roskruge, Tucson, was re-elected Grand Recorder; and Charles D. Belden, Phœnix, was re-appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence."

## CALIFORNIA, 1901.

The transactions of the Annual Conclave, held in San Francisco, April 18, 1901, with accompanying papers, make a compact volume of about three hundred pages. A finely engraved portrait of Grand Commander Fred'k M. Miller forms the frontispiece.

All the Grand Officers were in their respective positions at the opening of the Annual Conclave. Sixteen Past Grand Commanders of the jurisdiction were present. Twenty-three Representatives of other Grand Commanderies were also in attendance—among them Sir Charles Fayette Lott, representing Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Thirty-five of the thirty-seven Commanderies comprising the jurisdiction were represented.

There were appropriate services of music and devotion preliminary to the opening, and immediately following such services Grand Master Reuben H. Lloyd was escorted into the Asylum, where he was received with due honors.

Grand Commander Miller in his address emphasizes the delights of a California spring-time. The exhilarating ozone in the air prompts him to write as follows:

> Under the bewitching influence of a California spring we grow vain-glorious, and condole with our Eastern Fraters whose season at this time of year, coquetting with them from the lap of winter, presents a blade of grass only to withdraw it for an icicle. Not so with us. We retire some night in a diaphanous fog, and in the morning she stands before us in her multi-colored garments awaiting our pleasure.
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> Unfortunate Easterner! Happy Californian!
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> It is a goodly thing to see
> What heaven hath done for this delicious land!
> What fruits of fragrance blush on every tree,
> What glorious prospects o'er the hills expand.

He reports the continued prosperity of the Order. He hints at dangers arising from accumulated wealth and a rapid increase of power, and enjoins adherence to the precepts of Templary. "If we are honest with ourselves," he says, "we must admit there was never a time in our history when there was a greater need for a strong moral force to withstand the inroads of lax moral convictions."

He announces a number of decisions, one of which is important as showing a distinction with a difference. We think the matter of sufficient interest to warrant the copying of question and answer in full:

> *Question.*—What is the full intent of Article XII, General Regulations of the Grand Commandery, which states: That the Commanderies of this jurisdiction be prohibited from receiving a petition for the Orders of Knighthood from either a saloon-keeper or a bar-tender. Does this apply to a hotel-keeper who runs a saloon?
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> *Answer.*—I do not for a moment think the intent of this regulation is to include hotel-keepers generally. In a matter of this kind I would say that while the law is most emphatic as regards a saloon-keeper or a bar-tender being received, and adverse to such proceedings, a man that has a bar as an adjunct to his hotel is another matter. Nevertheless, the matter must be considered from the point of view as to whether the bar is simply an adjunct of the hotel, served by some one else simply as a means of accommodation to the guests, or if, on the other hand, the hotel is an adjunct of the bar. Nearly all hotels have bars for the accommodation of guests, and we know that in many instances the proprietors are men themselves opposed to the use of all spirituous liquors, the bar in these instances being a necessary adjunct to the hotel. Personally, the proprietor has no management of the same, and could in no wise be termed a saloon-keeper. While this might in a manner seem somewhat sophistical in argument, the distinction must be patent on consideration. It seems to me to be a question of home rule. The character of the man, the character of the hotel, and the conducting the same are to be considered.

So it seems to the present writer. Each case must be judged by itself. But the Commandery will do well to keep out the man whose calling or character is such as to make him a weight for the Body to carry. The Templar Order does not exist for the purpose of giving a moral endorsement to men of doubtful position.

Under "Inspections," Grand Commander Miller expresses his desire that the present system should be improved. "An inspector's visit to be of real value to a Commandery," he says, "should be simply a matter of business, not a combination of the official and social."

We cannot see that the Grand Commandery took definite action on this subject, although a report bearing upon the matter and recommending the appointment of an "Instructor-General" and "Deputy Instructors" was presented. Evidently some difference of opinion prevails among the California Knights as to the best method of carrying on a desired work of inspection.

The Grand Commandery expressed its approval of Grand Commander Miller's administration and commended the tone and character of his excellent address.

The Grand Recorder's report shows the total membership to be 3,556, a net increase of 246 for the year ending January 31, 1901.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a cash balance on hand, April 18, 1901, of $5,636. We learn by statement of the Committee on Finance that the assets of the Grand Commandery consist of this amount, together with 1,103 shares of Masonic Hall Association stock valued at $22,060, and three Grand Commandery badges valued at $5 each, making the total assets, $27,711. The liabilities, in the form of Grand Commandery notes, amount to $10,500.

An appropriation of $150 was made for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to the retiring Grand Commander. A vote was passed approving the issuance of a dispensation for a new Commandery at Maysville. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

> *Resolved,* That the most Eminent Grand Master Reuben Hedley Lloyd be requested to sit for his portrait as Grand Master of Templars, and that the same be suitably framed and hung in the Asylum of Grand Commandery under the direction and supervision of the Grand Commander.

The Report on Correspondence, by Brother Wm. A. Davies, bears the marks of careful preparation. Its one hundred and ten pages are replete with information. His review of the Proceedings of our home jurisdiction is cordial and commendatory.

George B. McKee, San Jose, was elected Grand Commander; Wm. A. Davies, San Francisco, was elected Grand Recorder, and continued as Correspondent.

### CANADA, 1900.

The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada met in Annual Assembly at Kingston, Ontario, September 5 and 6, 1900. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, of St. John, N. B., Supreme Grand Master, presided. Of the thirty-eight Preceptories on the roll of Great Priory, eleven were represented by their regular officers, sixteen were represented by proxies, and eleven were not represented.

At the opening session the mayor of the city of Kingston delivered a felicitous address of welcome, to which an appropriate response was made by the Supreme Grand Master. After the usual formalities of opening the Assembly and receiving the honored guests, Grand Master Ellis gave his annual address. The first portion of it is historic. He expresses his belief that there was a distinctive Templar organization in Kingston, Canada, as early as the year 1800. He says:

> We have come here deliberately because this year marks a century in the history and growth of the Order of the Temple in Canada. It is in a sense for us a centennial year. The oldest document of which we have knowledge so far as this Order in this Dominion is concerned is dated A. D. 1800, and was issued, according to Frater J. Ross Robertson, whose historical researches have been so minute and so valuable, of date 31st October, 1800, to Christopher Danby, a prominent Mason at that time in this division or district of Canada. It was signed by Frederick Hershfeldt as Grand Master, and John McGill, Recorder. I am told that this document is still in existence. Certainly a copy can be obtained and should be published with the Proceedings of this Annual Assembly. Its interest of it to us is in the proof which it affords that the Order was in actual existence in this country a hundred years ago.

We would like to see the document in print. All evidence relating to the first movements to separate the Templar Order from the control of Craft Lodges is of value.

He closes the historical portion of his address as follows:

> We have now had forty-six years of well defined government in Canada, according to the modern practices of the Order. We had first, in 1855, the Provincial Grand Conclave under English authority, which lasted until 1867. From 1868 until 1875 the Grand Priory with enlarged powers; from 1877 until 1884 the National Great Priory under the Convent General of England and Ireland, and since 1885, this supreme governing body. With the existing system of government and administration, with no doubtful or clashing authority, we may be satisfied that the affairs of the Order will be managed under sure guarantees of permanency, and we may look to the future with pleasurable anticipation of peace and prosperity.

He reports that Rossland Preceptory has been regularly instituted, and stands No. 38 on the roll of Great Priory. Rossland is a thriving town in British Columbia.

Besides the Grand Master's address there are other interesting papers printed in the Proceedings. Among these are the report of the Provincial Priors and the report of the Grand Chancellor, Will H. Whyte. The last-named officer traces the rise and progress of the Templar Organization in Canada. We quote a part of his statement as of general interest:

> Of the charter of 1800, as well as that of 1824, which succeeded it, there are now few financial facts or minutes extant; but the records are fairly well preserved since the revival in Kingston of the Order in 1854 by the late Grand Master, Col. W. McLeod Moore.
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> From 1854 to 1867 the Order was under a body named the Provincial Grand Conclave under warrant from England. The order increased during these thirteen years from three to seven Preceptories. From 1868 to 1875 the Order was governed by a Grand Priory and the subordinates increased during that time to nineteen. In 1876 another change took place, and the National Great Priory was formed in conjunction with the Grand Conclave of England and Ireland. This lasted until 1884, during which time the Preceptories increased from nineteen to twenty-six and the membership from 400 to 800. In 1885 the Sovereign Great Priory was formed, and the increase to this present year being twelve Preceptories added, a total of thirty-eight.
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> During this time three Preceptories were also formed in Victoria, Australia, which shortly afterwards withdrew to form a Great Priory in Victoria. The membership during this time increased from 856 in 1885 to 2,009 to date, the greatest number of admissions in any one year being 328 in 1897. The membership during all these years

has yearly shown an increase, with one exception, 1889, when the withdrawal of the three Australian Preceptories caused a reduction in the roll of forty-six.

The receipts under the Provincial Grand Priory ran from $50 to $100 per annum. The Grand Priory increased from $430 in 1870 to $911. National Great Priory during its nine years of existence averaged $750 annually, while Sovereign Great Priory receipts during its sixteen years have averaged $1,160, the last five averaging $1,650. This record likewise showing that the monetary affairs of Great Priory had a corresponding prosperity.

The business transacted was chiefly of routine character. The administration of Grand Master Ellis was approved, and he was re-elected. A jewel was presented to Past Supreme Grand Master D. F. MacWatt.

The Report on Correspondence, by Brother Will H. Whyte, begins with the historic sketch already noticed. In that portion of his valuable paper he gives several fac-simile Knight Templar certificates, one of as early a date as June 1, 1783, which are suggestive in several respects.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to which a kindly notice is accorded, he quotes our statement (1899) on the Red Cross, viz., that the degree or order was known and worked long before the time when Thomas Smith Webb undertook to shape the system of American Templary. Frater Whyte expresses his opinion that before Webb's time the Red Cross degree was quite different from what it afterward became. We concur. Our contention on this point is that the Red Cross degree antedates the formative work in which the hand of Webb appears. Just how or where the degree was adapted to its Templar relationship does not clearly appear. In Boston a Council of the Knights of the Red Cross was organized March 12, 1802, which merged itself not long afterwards in Boston Encampment, an organization that has had continuous life and prosperity, and whose present membership is larger than that of any other local body of Templars in the world. In Portland, Maine, an organization of Red Cross Knights was effected in 1805. It was created by the name and title of "King Darius Council;" it held regular meetings and conferred the Red Cross Order of Knighthood. In 1820 it voted to apply to Sir H. Fowle, Grand Master, for an extension of charter "to embrace the Order of Knights Templars and Knights of Malta."

We forbear further discussion of the subject, or of its related issues, some of which are of exceeding interest. Perhaps we may add the word of reminder, calling attention to recent changes in the Red Cross ritual and ceremony, and so get in the question as to whether or not these changes have improved the work! Is the order of the Red Cross as now conferred more impressive than under the old forms which were generally practiced twenty or thirty years ago?

We quote a part of the conclusion:

> There is little to summarize in the review of the various Proceedings. The principal point has been the many adverse criticisms on the recent non-affiliation law and ruling, and we expect the next Triennial will see some discussion thereon. There has been little in the various decisions of the Grand Commanders, the few announced being practically a reference to existing laws and rulings. The Order is steadily increasing in the United States and Canada, and our sincere hope is that it may be slow and sure, and may not become too popular so as to induce too great an influx and thereby add undesirable men to its ranks. We want only the cream of men in morals and character.

John V. Ellis, St. John, N. B., was re-elected Supreme Grand Master, and Will H. Whyte, Montreal, was re-elected Grand Chancellor, and was continued as Committee on Correspondence.

## COLORADO, 1900.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, convened in Masonic Temple, Denver, September 22, 1900, was an occasion of more than usual interest. It was notable as representing the twenty-fifth milestone in the progressive career of the Grand Body. It was numerously attended, and the goodly company of representative Sir Knights thus brought together seems to have been of one mind and to have transacted the business of the Conclave in great harmony.

Grand Commander Harry A. Lee presided. In his annual report he referred to the inception and organization of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, giving just praise to the pioneers of Templary in that jurisdiction. Sir Knight Henry M. Teller, United States senator, who was the first Grand Commander, also addressed the Grand Commandery. He spoke of the early history of Templary in Colorado, and commended the rare enthusiasm of those who were builders and workers a quarter of a century ago. Our esteemed friend Harper M. Orahood, Past Grand Commander, and Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, likewise spoke acceptably on the same general topic.

On the general subject of Templar progress and prosperity Grand Commander Lee spoke eloquently. We quote his address as follows:

> The past record of Templary is not inglorious, but just how much the uplifting of woman owes to it; just how much the upbuilding of the Christian religion owes to it; just how much the advancement of civilization owes to it, we may never know; but we do know that from the Middle Ages to the present day, the great principle of the Brotherhood of Man has stood the test and proven a haven of fraternal rest. We do know that throughout this broad land there is a silent influence constantly at work for that which must aid in elevating mankind; we do know that Templary is one of the great charitable organizations of the world and especially of the United States, which in progress and advancement is second to none. We know that as the scroll of time unrolls, the horizon of our Order widens and opportunities for work increase, and that if attentive to duty we can hear echoing down the Corridor of Ages the Templars' grand old battle-cry, "Pro Deo et Patria," and that every Templar will instinctively unfurl the banner of the Order emblazoned with "In hoc signo vinces," and respond in unison, "God and our country forever."

By the report of the Grand Treasurer we learn that the total receipts for the year were $2,120.90; the expenditures $2,002.05; leaving a cash balance of $10.85. The balance is not large, but it is on the right side.

By the report of the Grand Recorder it appears that there are twenty-six constituent Commanderies, having a total membership of 1,683. The net gain for the year covered by the returns presented is fifty.

The business transacted was for the most part of routine character and only of local interest. We note the passage of the following resolution:

> *Resolved,* That none but members of Commanderies, or Knights Templar, be permitted to carry a standard, banner, or pennant in a parade of Knights Templar.

Sir Knight Harper M. Orahood furnishes the Report on Correspondence. It is concise and sensible, as we should expect any paper to be coming from his pen. We could wish that he would express his opinions more at length; but just here the question presents itself whether or not a Correspondent in the discharge of the proper functions of his office should let his personal thought and judgment appear. If we go back to the duties of Committees of Correspondence when such committees were first named, we shall find there was an actual correspondence between officers representing different State organizations, committees being appointed to consider and report on such correspondence. Later on, the printed transactions came under review, the chief aim being to extend information as to the condition and acts of sister organizations and to promote good fellowship. In the main, as the present writer believes, the work of Correspondents is along these lines. Perhaps it may properly be extended to include a discussion of important matters pertaining to historical matters, ritual, jurisprudence, etc., so giving free range to the writer and allowing his personality to come into evidence. The modern Correspondent is inclined to express himself quite freely. As already hinted, we rather like this freedom of expression, and in the case of Frater Orahood it could hardly be pushed to an extreme.

It counts for a great deal in the work of a reviewer to be able to make wise selections from the material presented. The Colorado Correspondence now in hand is specially valuable for its excerpts. Evidently they were carefully selected. In his two pages given to Massachusetts and Rhode Island there are five excerpts—three from the address of the Grand

Commander, one from report of Committee on Jurisprudence, and one from the report of Committee on Correspondence.

We quote from Brother Orahood's "Conclusion" as follows:

> All the reports show the general condition of the Order prosperous and progressive, with a bright outlook for the future. There are but few questions now being discussed and these excite only friendly comment, as a general rule. Our energies can be given wholly to the upbuilding and preservation of the principles of our magnanimous Order and not dissipated by any jealousy or quarreling among ourselves.

Julius B. Bissell, Denver, was elected Grand Commander; Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver, Grand Recorder; and Harper M. Orahood was re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

### CONNECTICUT, 1901.

A well-executed portrait of Grand Commander E. S. Davis forms the frontispiece of the Proceedings now in hand. The prompt issue of the volume attests the characteristic energy of Grand Recorder E. C. Birdsey.

Connecticut has eleven Commanderies, with a total membership, as last reported, of 2,696. The net gain for the year was forty-four.

The Grand Body met at Middletown, March 19, 1901. All the constituent Commanderies were represented. Six Past Grand Commanders were in attendance; also twenty-one Grand Representatives—among them Sir Knight Henry Woodward, representing the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Grand Commander Davis in his annual address refers to the death of Past Grand Commander John Wesley Paul, who was at the head of the Grand Body in 1866.

He reports having granted a number of dispensations, most of them of the usual character. The exceptional grant is reported as follows:

> For Cyrene Commandery, No. 8, K. T., to appear in full regalia, for the purpose of joining in the 250th anniversary of the settlement of Middletown, in the parade, which was one of the events of this occasion. I am aware that the members of this Grand Body may criticize my action in this particular case. Cyrene Commandery was asked to represent the Masonic bodies, one of which is the oldest organization of the kind in existence in this city. Right Eminent Sir Henry Woodward not only presented the resolution asking for dispensation to the Commandery to appear in uniform on this particular occasion, but advised the Grand Commander to grant the same. On page 51, Constitution of the Grand Encampment, sec. No. 2, Title 33, we find as follows:
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> "The determination of what is a proper occasion for a Commandery to appear in public belongs to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, the Grand Master or the Grand Commander."
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> It is needless to say that the celebration of a centennial or semi-centennial by a town or city is one of those rare occasions where the Masonic bodies representing, as they do, organizations in those towns which have existed from its earliest settlement, can with propriety appear.

Grand Commander Davis is quite right in assuming that under the law of the Grand Encampment he was authorized to grant the dispensation. His reasoning does not convince us that Masonic bodies should participate in civic occasions of celebration such as the one noted. Under the rule, however, the matter of determination rests with each Grand Commander, and we do not doubt that Sir Knight Davis in granting the dispensation met the wishes of those most interested. His action received no criticism in Grand Commandery.

A considerable portion of the address is devoted to a review of an alleged infringement of jurisdiction claimed by New Haven Commandery against Morton Commandery of New York city. It appears that the last-named body had conferred the orders upon a candidate after he had been rejected by New Haven Commandery, and without a release of jurisdiction by that Commandery. It further appears that the candidate at the time of receiving the orders was a legal resident of New Haven. Much correspondence between Connecticut and New York has followed. Morton Commandery, following the suggestion of the Acting Grand Commander of New York, acknowledged its mistake, made an apology to New Haven Commandery, and sent on the fee. The last-named body returned the fee, but it was sent on the second time. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported at length on the questions involved. The conclusions they reach are as follows: (1) That the action of Morton Commandery was void; (2) that the candidate thus illegally made was not a Knight Templar at any time and has no standing in the Order; (3) that New Haven Commandery cannot properly receive the fee paid by such candidate, because by so doing that body would become *particeps criminis* after the fact. The committee recommended the passage of the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved,* That the action of New Haven Commandery, No. 2, in the premises, be and is hereby approved.

*Resolved,* That the New Haven Commandery, No. 2, be and is hereby directed to return the money in question to Morton Commandery, No. 4, of New York city.

This case is exceedingly complicated. Perhaps the end is not yet. It involves a good deal more than the question of money—the deciding as to which body should have the fee. The status of the candidate thus illegally made is to be determined. Were it only a question of jurisdiction, and were it shown that he had acted ignorantly and in good faith, the equities in the case would seem to require that he should not suffer because of the wrong course pursued by the Commandery in Knighting him. If, however, as seems to be conclusively established, he consciously made false answers in signing his application, he is surely deserving of more than the "reprimand" to which he was sentenced by Morton Commandery. Then the contention of Connecticut carries force, viz., that this Sir Knight in name has really no standing in the Order. In whatever aspect it is viewed, the case is one of embarrassment; the question as to the disposition of the fee has interest, but it is not the main issue.

The administration of Grand Commander Davis was commended, as shown by the passage of the following resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Body are hereby tendered to R. E. Sir E. S. Davis, Grand Commander, for the courteous and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

*Resolved,* That a steel plate portrait of Grand Commander Davis be published in the next printed Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts for the year, $1,719—expenses, $1,731.15. The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer is $1,077.42.

The brief report of the Grand Recorder is accompanied by a summarized statement of the returns made by the several Commanderies in the State. All have had additions to their membership—the Commanderies at Hartford, New Haven, and Bridgeport being most favored in this respect.

The Grand Inspector reported the results of his official visits, and presented a rating of the several Commanderies. Fixing twenty-five as the standard, he marks six of the Commanderies 24; two, 23; and the other three are given 21.

Past Grand Commander Fred A. Spencer, who has held the office of Grand Inspector for seven years, resigned much to the regret of all interested. The following resolution was adopted:

*Whereas,* Past Grand Commander Fred A. Spencer has this day resigned the official position of Grand Inspector, which he filled so acceptably for seven years past, thereby having been the means of greatest benefit to the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction, it is hereby

*Resolved,* That in token of appreciation this Grand Commandery appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to be expended for some evidence of this appreciation to be presented to Grand Inspector Fred A. Spencer, and that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Sir Knight Spencer regarding his desires in the matter.

Evidently it will be a matter of some difficulty to find a successor to Sir Knight Spencer. The following action was taken:

*Voted,* That the matter of a Grand Inspector to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Grand Inspector Fred A. Spencer, be laid over until the next Annual Conclave.

*Voted,* That the R. E. Grand Commander and his three associate officers next in rank be authorized to appoint a suitable Sir Knight to inspect the Commanderies during the current year.

*Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander to report at the next Annual Conclave, the name of a Sir Knight who in their judgment is the most suitable for the position of a permanent Grand Inspector.

The Report on Correspondence, by Sir Hugh Stirling, occupies sixty-two pages. He writes interestingly and to the point. He has acquired the art of condensation better than some of us. We note his courteous references to our home jurisdiction, and to ourself. He copies a portion of the address of Grand Commander Morse, bearing upon the duties of inspecting officers, and the matter of annual dues, and approves the opinions there presented. Because we have already given so extended a review to Connecticut Proceedings, we do not quote from the report, albeit we had marked several paragraphs for such use.

Alfred S. Comstock, Norwich, Grand Commander; Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, Grand Recorder; Hugh Stirling, Bridgeport, Correspondent.

### District of Columbia, 1901.

The Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Treasurer (detained by illness), were in their respective stations at the opening of the Sixth Annual Conclave, held in Washington, May 13, 1901. There were present representatives from the five constituent Commanderies in the jurisdiction, and five Past Grand Commanders. Sir Noble D. Larner, representing Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, was also in attendance. The address of Sir Harrison Dingman, Grand Commander, represented the condition of Templary in the District of Columbia as prosperous and promising. He alludes to the Christmas Observance, and says: "May the pleasing custom ever be perpetuated." Under the heading "Masonic Temple," he says:

> Just at the closing of this report I received the prospectus of the proposed Masonic fair and exposition to be held in this city in the spring of 1902, and to which I ask your careful attention as it will be read by the Grand Recorder. I cheerfully and earnestly commend this important matter to the attention of the Sir Knights of our Commanderies. The record made by the first fair was a grand one, and with that before us let all labor from now until the close of the second one, hoping to make this a greater success. We need a new Temple, constructed on broad and liberal lines, and this the Masonic Temple Association propose building. Let each of us, therefore, put his best effort into this good cause, doing our best according to our means and health, and success will surely follow.

It may properly be mentioned here that "The Masonic Temple Association" placed the management of this fair in the hands of a board of control. The representative of Grand Commandery in the association is Sir Eldred G. Davis, and his re-election to that position at the annual meeting in January next was requested by the Grand Body.

The report of the Inspector-General, Sir William T. Galliher, states:

> The ritualistic work as rendered in this Grand Jurisdiction reflects great credit upon the corps of officers, both as to accuracy and dignity, and is an evidence of intelligent conception and close application.

Sir Knight Galliher was re-appointed Inspector-General for the current Templar year.

The Committee on Finance, after review of Grand Treasurer's report, conclude as follows:

> The small balance after paying the liabilities ($127.80) appears to be entirely inadequate to meet the necessary expenses for the coming year, and the committee recommend that the Grand Commander and Council Officers be authorized to negotiate a loan for such amount as in their opinion may be required.

The above recommendation was adopted.

An important report was presented by the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom had been referred the dispensations issued by Grand Commander Galliher in 1899.

One of these dispensations, to Columbia Commandery, was as follows:

> To receive and ballot upon the petition of Companion Winfield Scott Schley at a special conclave held November 10th, and in his

> case to dispense with the requirements of section 15, article III, of the constitution, and of section 4, article VII, of the by-laws of the Commandery.

This dispensation was granted, as reported by Grand Commander Galliher, "with the consent and approval of the Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar."

The committee, after giving the law of the Grand Encampment, go on to say:

> This quotation from the constitution and code of statutes of the Grand Encampment we think is mandatory, and cannot be set aside by either the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or the Grand Commander of a Grand Commandery. Our Grand Commander states in his address that he had the authority of the Grand Master of Templars to grant the dispensation referred to, and thus set aside the law of the Grand Encampment. We do not think the position here taken can in any way make the action of the Grand Commander correct. We beg to suggest that the law governing this case is very plain and could have been settled without application being made to the Grand Master. Such being our opinion as to the granting of dispensation No. 3, your committee feel compelled to recommend that the granting of said dispensation be disapproved by the Grand Commandery.

The committee's recommendation on this point was adopted, as likewise its recommendation adverse to another dispensation which had been granted.

In this connection we are moved to state the fact that Grand Master Lloyd has since acknowledged his mistake in sanctioning the course pursued. In his report to the Grand Encampment at Louisville he told how the application came to him. The first form of request was that he should authorize the Grand Commander, as representative of the Grand Master, to make the distinguished Companion a Templar at sight. Grand Master Lloyd, says:

> As the Companion was about to leave the country, I was then urged to waive the ballot and the payment of fees—both of which propositions I also declined to accede to; but being extremely anxious to do something to assist them, under the circumstances, I consented to the calling of a special conclave—every member of the body being notified of the purpose of the meeting—that a ballot might be taken, and if elected the orders conferred. On further investigation of the subject I have serious doubts of my authority to even go so far. A careful examination, as far as possible, of the history of the Order since the organization of the Grand Encampment and the constitution of the office of Grand Master of that body, has not disclosed to me any instance where such power was exercised.

This statement, with what followed of consideration and action by the Grand Encampment, will go far to settle what might become a disturbing question. We believe that Grand Commanders and Grand Masters, in the exercise of their powers, are strictly held to constitutional limitations. They do not possess the prerogatives of the ancient Grand Masters of Masons. The Committee on Jurisprudence handled this matter wisely and well. We are glad that they were sustained.

But this is no reflection on the Grand Commander who granted the dispensation. The petitioner was a very prominent and popular citizen. There was an urgency of appeal to the Grand Commander, who took counsel with the Grand Master in the matter of the action that was had. In view of all the circumstances it is no cause of surprise that he granted the dispensation, in which, as is now generally conceded, he went beyond his authority.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir George H. Walker, who reviews the Proceedings of forty-four Grand Jurisdictions. Although sparing in comment, he presents a readable and carefully prepared report, revealing thought and discrimination. Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island he gives space to both the Semi-annual and Annual Conclaves for the Templar year reviewed. One of his paragraphs is as follows:

> A number of Commanderies were reported as having taken advantage of a provision made by the Grand Commandery whereby they could secure a "working copy" of their charter, to be used on all occasions except at installations. This was done so that the original charter might be placed in the vault and kept secure from fire. This seems to be a very wise precaution. It enables the Commandery to comply with the statutes of the Grand Encampment to the effect that the warrant or charter must be present in the Asylum. The certified copy answers every purpose.

He quotes our words in last year's report referring to Past Grand Commander Frank H. Thomas, who was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment at the Louisville Conclave. The Sir Knights of the District of Columbia have reason to rejoice in the choice of one of their number for this office, to which Frater Thomas will bring both ability and zeal.

George Gibson, Washington, was elected Grand Commander; Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, was elected Grand Recorder; George H. Walker, Washington, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

## Florida, 1901.

A clearly-printed pamphlet of forty-eight pages contains the Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Conclave, held in the Masonic Temple, Jacksonville, May 16, 1901. The Grand Commander, Sir Warren Tyler, presided, and there was a large attendance of those entitled to seats in the Grand Body. The Grand Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of Florida, Sir William H. Jewell, was present. The Grand Commander's annual address contained allusions to the property losses and human suffering caused by the Jacksonville fire, and urged the duty of rendering financial aid, as far as the treasury of the Grand Commandery would permit, to the stricken community. His recommendation was heartily adopted by the Grand Body, which voted $100 for the purpose, with an expression of regret that the available funds would not allow a larger appropriation.

The routine business, presentation of reports, etc., occupied the attention of the Sir Knights on the afternoon of the Conclave, and due consideration was given matters of local interest. From the statistics found in the Proceedings we learn that the jurisdiction of Florida has a present membership of 309 Sir Knights in the seven constituent Commanderies.

There is no Report on Correspondence, but one may be looked for in next year's Proceedings, a committee having been appointed for the purpose at the Annual Conclave.

William S. Ware, Jacksonville, was elected Grand Commander; Wilber P. Webster, of the same, city was re-elected Grand Recorder and appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

## Georgia, 1901.

There is a brief record of preliminary proceedings in the pamphlet which contains an account of the Fortieth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, held at Americus, May 8 and 9, 1901. Previous to the session there was an informal reception tendered the Grand Body by De Molay Commandery, of Americus, and an address of welcome delivered by Sir George H. Fields, its Eminent Commander. Appropriate response was made by Sir Ernest A. Cutts, of Savannah.

The Conclave was opened in due form at half past ten o'clock on the morning of the first-named day. A constitutional number of Sir Knights entitled to seats in the Grand Body answered to the roll-call, among them Sir J. K. Orr, Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of Georgia. Grand Commander Thomas E. Fletcher presided and delivered an eloquent address, giving statistics first, then paying tribute to the fraternal dead, and closing with the story of the Templar, told in poetic language and with impressive fervor. Sir Knight Fletcher's portrait forms the frontispiece of the printed Proceedings.

The Finance Committee reported a balance on hand of $320.15. Its recommendation that the sum of $100 be appropriated to the Georgia Industrial Home, at Macon, was adopted. An increase of $50 in the Grand Recorder's salary was voted, as recommended by the above-named committee. The Committee on Returns reported the total membership in the jurisdiction as 855, a net gain of sixty-six for the Templar year.

Tancred Commandery, No. 11, having received its charter, was duly constituted June 8, 1900.

There is no Report on Correspondence, though the chairman appointed last year, the able and veteran reviewer Sir Roland B. Hall, was reported to have been in attendance at the Conclave. We find no record in the Proceedings of the appointment of such committee for the ensuing year.

Ernest A. Cutts, Savannah, was elected Grand Commander; William S. Rockwell, of the same city, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

### Illinois, 1900.

Sixty-three of the sixty-six Commanderies comprising the jurisdiction were represented in the Forty-fourth Annual Conclave, held at Chicago, October 23 and 24, 1900. Twenty-two Past Grand Commanders were present. Thirty-two Sir Knights, each representing a sister Grand Commandery, were in attendance. The Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Past Grand Commander Philander W. Barclay, we are glad to report as among the number.

The prayer of the Grand Prelate at the opening of the Grand Commandery is printed in full in the Proceedings. Sir George M. Moulton, then Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, but now advanced to the office of Deputy Grand Master, was received and welcomed with appropriate formalities. He delivered a brief address in response to the greeting accorded him.

Grand Commander James B. McFatrick presided. His annual address shows with what zeal and carefulness he had performed the duties of Grand Commander. He reports harmony and prosperity as prevailing throughout the jurisdiction. Several pages of his address are given to an earnest appeal in behalf of the Illinois Masonic Home, located in Chicago, for the proper endowment of which a large permanent fund is needed. We quote the following:

> I plead with this Fraternity to show that Masonry meant something when it told our dead Brothers that it would draw its sword in defense of the orphan. I bring to you the cradle and the sleeping babe. Its father is silent in yonder cemetery; and it is a bud among the frosts. You would warm a shivering lamb into life, if you found it by the roadside or in the field. Will you do less for this helpless human being, this sweet, innocent babe of your Masonic Brother's home? I mistake the character of the men who compose this Grand Body, if there shall not be a hearty co-operation in this work. I feel that collectively and individually you mean to contribute generously to the endowment of this home. . . . I would emblazon over the portal of every temple of Masonry, and along every step of the way through the mysteries of our Fraternity, in letters of living light: "This is the great character builder of the world;" and above that I would flash the inspiring announcement—inspiring to the Masonic father, the Masonic orphan, and universal man: "The refuge for the motherless and fatherless." Results are what practical men want! Gorgeous trappings, solemn professions, lofty temples and extravagant show, in themselves are nothing, What are they accomplishing? is the tremendously important question. Yonder art building glows with fires of genius. The marble seems to breathe and the canvas talk. The dead live upon the walls, and the dim past, with its shadows, and frowns, and moss, and rust, greets the living present with its bloom, and energy, and enterprise, and hope. What is its use? If it has none, every stone in the structure that holds the statues and the paintings, and every semblance of the life that has come from the heart and soul of the genius are as unimportant as the feather that rides the winds, or the atom that floats before your eyes. But all this display is as useful as it is beautiful. It burns with genius, which is the thought of God. It lifts us out of the dirt, and leads us in walks among the stars; it kindles in our souls fresh fires of divinity, and links us closer with the source of our being. Masonry is an art gallery that is filled with the touches of genius, with the painted attributes of the heart of God, and with the artistic reflections of the nobility of man. There are paintings and statuary of love to God and man, of fidelity to duty, of sympathy for distress, of peerless manhood with its lofty virtues and divine cast, and of men folding to their hearts, in their strong arms, the orphan boy and girl, in all the halls and corridors and beneath all the arches of the magnificent structure. Does all this splendor —the symbols of your Order and your faith—mean anything, or is it simply pleasing gewgaw and unsubstantial tinsel! The answer of the members of this Grand Jurisdiction to the appeal for the Orphans' Home will show whether or not you think it has any significance, and the most bitter experience of my life would be in going out into the world with the knowledge that the representatives of Illinois Masons had put a low estimate upon the worth and welfare of the orphans of the Masonic dead.

We present this extended extract because it has the ring of genuine sentiment, and because it has an application much broader than its immediate reference to the work and needs of the Illinois Orphans' Home. There is need of frequent reminder that we may maintain the high ideals of Freemasonry and Templary—that we may prove our faith by our works. To this end—as enforcing great principles and stimulating a noble service—we commend the plea from which we have quoted so much at length.

The Grand Commander made several recommendations. One of them had reference to the observance of the first Sunday in June as Memorial Day. The Grand Commandery did not adopt the suggestion, but voted " that the matter be left to the discretion of the different Commanderies, with power to observe the day if they see fit to do so."

Our thought is that such an observance is eminently appropriate; but, as Correspondent Coxe remarks, "why not adopt Ascension Day?" Easter and Ascension Day are both observed by Commanderies to a considerable extent. We doubt the wisdom of selecting another day—especially one so near those festival days of the church—for the purposes of Templar commemoration.

By statement of the Treasurer it appears that the cash balance was $8,136 at the time of the meeting of the Grand Body. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation of $1,500 for headquarters at Louisville, during the Triennial; and the appropriation was made. The same committee recommended the discontinuance of the usual annual inspections of Commanderies, on the ground that the condition of the treasury would hardly justify the expense; but their recommendation was not approved by the Grand Commandery. The inspections will be continued.

Two hundred and fifty-seven pages are required for the interesting and copiously illustrated Report on Correspondence by General John C. Smith; or, to differentiate, and make a statement strictly in accord with the facts of the case, the report occupies one hundred and thirty-seven pages, to which there is an addendum of one hundred and twenty pages, entitled "A bit of America and American Freemasonry." This last part claimed our reading at once upon the arrival of the Proceedings. Its description of scenery, its account of expressions and events, its narrative of festivals and meetings where the gifted writer was received as an honored guest, have the delightful charm which holds us willingly captive while we had from beginning to end. The descriptive pen sketches are accompanied by portraits and views that give additional attractiveness to the text.

In the report proper, Frater Smith's twelfth deliverance as Correspondent, the work of a reviewer is done as though it presented few difficulties. Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he hints at some labor involved:

> To review the Proceedings of this the largest body of Christian Templars in the world, is a great labor though a labor of love, from the fact that it holds a Semi-annual and Annual Grand Conclave.

Evidently, however, he applied himself to the task in such a way as to suggest that it was the kind of labor which "physics pain." Referring to our Semi-annual at Providence, May, 1899, and to the excellent shore dinner which followed the formal proceedings of Grand Commandery, he adds:

> How we do wish the Grand Commandery of Illinois would appoint a "Committee of the Day."

And then he takes up Grand Recorder Rowell's account of the next annual, in Boston, and quotes as follows: "The Sir Knights then repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed a bountiful repast prepared under the supervision of the Committee of the Day." This prompts the following expression:

> There again comes that *Committee of the Day*, and now we wish Grand Commandery of Illinois would invite itself to meet in Providence Plantations and the Old Bay State!

Correspondent Smith, as Frater Woodruff, Dean of the Guild, remarks, "has the habit of lighting on his feet where good things to eat abound," and we are sure he would do so were he to visit our Grand Commandery and participate in the ceremony which is carried out under direction of a " Committee of the Day."

To prevent misapprehension, we may add that the report in hand deals with weightier matters in its review of our own and other jurisdictions. The question of dependent membership is earnestly discussed. Under New York he sets forth his views pertaining to the recent legislation of Grand Encampment on that subject, and expresses his dissent from the interpretation generally given to the vote passed at Pittsburg. Referring to ritual, and to the technique of ceremony and drill, under Wisconsin, he has this to say:

> The facts are that we are having too much ritual, too much drill, parade, catechism, and law, and too little of the social companionship which draws men closer together and invites them in one family. Break bread together more frequently, have a cup of coffee together more frequently, and stretch your legs under the same mahogany oftener than you do and there will be less cause to complain of non-attendance. We have too much prating of the leveling process of Freemasonry, too much of the autocrat in officialdom, and too little good fellowship.

All of which is true; but then there is another side. Templary is justly subject to law. It can only prosper as it is held within metes and bounds—as it is guided along a well defined course of procedure in all its expression. But we need not be finical or hypercritical; nor yet put too much stress on things that are of minor account. Let the spirit of a hearty good fellowship always be in the ascendency.

Charles P. Kane, Springfield, was elected Grand Commander; Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Recorder; Gen. John C. Smith, Chicago, Correspondent.

## INDIANA, 1901.

The Grand Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of Indiana, Sir Leonidas P. Newby, was elected Grand Commander at the Forty-seventh Annual Conclave, held in Muncie, April 17, 1901. His picture forms the frontispiece of the Proceedings, whose covers in black and gold contain one hundred and fifty-four printed pages. The "Proemial" is once again a feature of the annual pamphlet, and describes the expression of welcome made by the Sir Knights of the local Commandery in greeting their Fraters from the various sections of the State, assembled in Annual Conclave. The response to the cordial welcome, by Sir Charles M. Zion, is also reported.

At the opening of Grand Commandery all the constituent Commanderies, forty-three in number, were represented. Grand Commander Eugene W. Kelley presided, and submitted an address containing a detailed account of his official duties for the year under review. He alluded to the death of Past Grand Commander Nicholas R. Ruckle, whose untimely passing from earth we noted in our last year's report. The death of Sir Joseph Wilson, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, is also referred to in Sir Knight Kelley's address, and suitable tribute paid to the memory of a faithful officer and esteemed Templar. The constitution of a new Commandery, New Castle, No. 44, was reported.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand, April 17, 1901, of $4,788.27. Concerning this balance, the Grand Recorder says:

> Ordinarily this would be an amount sufficient for the expenses of the Grand Commandery, but this being Triennial year the amount will not be adequate to meet the expenses for the ensuing year.

The deficit mentioned by the Grand Recorder was referred to the Committee on Claims, whose recommendation, as below, was adopted:

> Your Committee on Claims, having under consideration the deficiency in the treasury of the Grand Commandery, occasioned by the appropriation to the Triennial Committee, recognizing that it would not be best to increase the dues, recommend that the Grand Commander be authorized to negotiate a loan not to exceed $1,500 (fifteen hundred dollars).

The Grand Recorder's report shows a total membership in the jurisdiction of 3,767 Sir Knights, December 31, 1900; an increase of 102 over the figures given a year previous.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Simeon S. Johnson, who concludes that:

> It is a wise precaution taken by the Grand Commanderies to order

a Correspondence Report "printed as an appendix," and thus the committee be left to support its own views.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he quotes Grand Commander Morse's words upon the subject of charters being present at each Conclave:

> The dispensation or charter of a Commandery must *always* be present at the opening and *through* the Conclave. Now by procuring a working-copy, and having it framed and in the Asylum, the Commandery would comply with the requirements of section 6 as just read, and the Eminent Commander would have no occasion to offer an excuse that the charter was in a vault and could not be procured. Then the original charter could be kept where it would be safe from fire.

Correspondent Johnson says:

> If such a regulation prevailed in all Grand Bodies, there would be few requests for "copies of charters destroyed by fire."

Past Grand Commander Ruckle, whose death has been previously noticed, was an honored member of the Correspondents' Guild. We again offer tribute to his memory, and quote the appropriate words of eulogy presented by a special committee at the last Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana:

> Sir Knight Ruckle's love for Freemasonry amounted to a passion; his great heart was filled for love for his Masonic Brethren, and their many kindnesses and sweet ministrations, especially in his later days, filled him with emotions of thankfulness which he could not find words to express as he wished. His last public Masonic duty was performed but ten days before his death, and, although his body was feeble and his steps uncertain and halting, his mind was clear, and his indomitable will was shown in the tones of his voice and the brightness of his eyes, and deeply impressed all who were in his presence.
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> As a husband and father, all the good that can be said of any man can truthfully be said of him. He was cheerful, loving, and uncomplaining in all his illness, and when at last the tired body laid down for the eternal rest, "his enfranchised spirit soared aloft to the blessed regions of life and light eternal."

Leonidas P. Newby, Knightstown, was elected Grand Commander; Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, was elected Grand Recorder; Martin H. Rice, of the last-named city, was appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

### INDIAN TERRITORY, 1901.

The four active constituent Commanderies of the jurisdiction were represented at the Seventh Annual Conclave, held in the city of Muskogee, April 25, 1901. Ardmore Commandery, No. 5, was reported as delinquent both in dues and reports to the Grand Commandery since its institution, and the Grand Commander was directed at the last Conclave "to take the necessary steps to remedy this condition." The Grand Officers, with but two exceptions, were in their respective stations at the opening of Grand Commandery. The Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of Indian Territory, Sir Edmond H. Doyle, was present. Grand Commander Ira B. Kirkland, whose portrait appears on the first page of the Proceedings, presided and delivered a brief annual address.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $341.47.

Concerning the banquet given by Muskogee Commandery in honor of the Grand Body, the Proceedings contain the statement that:

> This banquet was greatly enjoyed at night by a great number of Sir Knights (many of whom were not seen at the business meetings of the Grand Commandery during the day) and their wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, sweethearts, and other lady friends.

The membership in this jurisdiction, December 31, 1900, is given in the abstract of returns as one hundred and ninety-five, a net gain of nine for the Templar year.

The Report on Correspondence is the initial one of Sir J. S. Murrow in the Templar Order, though he has held the position of Correspondent for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in his jurisdiction for a number of years. His report is in two sections, the first dealing with the subject of non-affiliates as connected with Grand Master Lloyd's interpretation of the Pittsburg statute. The Correspondent endorses the law as thus interpreted. The second section gives brief mention of the Proceedings of twenty-two jurisdictions. Referring to the home publication for 1900, he says: "this is a large, beautiful book." Here he gives our jurisdiction its full title; but in the table of Grand Representatives, he or the printer reduced the designation to "Massachusetts."

We are glad to note, under the heading California, that Frater Murrow opposes the conferring of the Commandery degrees on the Sabbath. He favors the establishment of Masonic Homes where conditions allow, and, under Missouri, praises the Sir Knights of that jurisdiction, who have given $35,000 toward the permanent fund of the Masonic Home in that State.

Zachary Taylor Walrond, Muskogee, was elected Grand Commander; Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, was re-elected Grand Recorder and re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

## IOWA, 1901.

[At the time of this writing the Iowa Proceedings for the current year have not come to hand. If received before the closing of our report they will be duly noticed, but the review we shall present will necessarily appear out of its alphabetical order. The Report on Correspondence, by Frater Coxe, came to our table several weeks ago.]

## KANSAS, 1901.

The Grand Commandery paraded in two battalions, numbering 135 officers and Sir Knights, before assembling in the Asylum of Askelon Commandery, No. 6, at Salina, where the formal opening of the Thirty-second Annual Conclave took place, on May 14, 1901. All the Grand Officers answered to roll-call. There were seven Past Grand Commanders present; the Grand Representatives from twenty jurisdictions, among them Sir E. W. Wellington, who represents Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and also the representatives of thirty-six of the forty-eight Commanderies which form the jurisdiction.

Grand Commander Perry M. Haisington, whose youthful and thoughtful face forms the frontispiece of the volume under review, presided. He delivered an address, showing his clear thinking along the higher lines of Templary and his appreciation of the purposes of our cherished Order. We quote as follows:

> Our mission, then, is not the overthrow of kings and the establishment of empires, but the building of character—that achievement of humanity which alone can stand the test of time. Not to construct a dynasty, but to found and foster a Brotherhood of men whose influence shall ever be to raise the fallen, strengthen the weak, help the afflicted, and kindle in the hearts of its members an inspiration toward higher thoughts, nobler deeds, and purer actions. It is, indeed, a great mission, for in the final analysis nothing has value save character, and in the organizations of men nothing is so potent and lasting as brotherhood.

He reports having refused requests to grant dispensations for action on petitions in less than the statutory time, "except where they appeared unmistakably in the interest of the Order."

He announces his refusal to grant a dispensation to allow a Commandery to lay the corner-stone of a new court-house: we gladly copy his sensible words on this point:

> *Decision:* The Masonic ceremony of laying a foundation stone is one of the so-called "ancient ceremonies of the Order," and by immemorial custom is performed only by the authority of the Grand Master of Masons of the country, province, or State where the public building is to be erected. There is nothing in Templarism bearing symbolically on the builder's art, and so far as can be ascertained no ritual extant providing for the performance of this ceremony by a Commandery. The authority cannot be given.

He commends the work of inspection under the new and more careful system adopted one year ago. He favors its continuance, with some broadening of the service. He says, in the way of suggestion:

> The term inspection does not fully indicate the ground to be covered, as many Commanderies have little to "inspect," but greatly need *instruction*.

The committee to whom the address was referred gave it deserved commendation. They endorsed the system of staff inspection which, under the direction of Grand Commander Haisington, has been of so much benefit: they suggest, however, that the "single inspector system" might be attended by even greater benefits. The Grand Commandery, however, was not prepared to make any new departure. Our thought is that no one rule or system is adapted to all localities. A competent inspector, devoting his whole time to visiting Commanderies, and doing a work of scrutiny and instruction, is undoubtedly the best plan in certain jurisdictions. When a man can be engaged for the service like Colonel Ruckle, of Indiana, or Past Grand Commander Spencer, of Connecticut, the best results are likely to follow. Much depends on the man. But, as already intimated, under some conditions the special inspectors are not required.

Grand Recorder Anderson's report contains a number of interesting items. The total membership, March 31, 1901, was 3,361—a net gain of fifty for the year covered by the returns. The Grand Recorder says:

> The Commandery furniture and paraphernalia of the various Commanderies is valued at $33,885.37. Thirteen of the forty-eight Commanderies own real estate of the value of $39,100. Twenty-six of the subordinate Commanderies have dispensed charity during the year amounting to $1,050.61, mostly contributed to the Galveston sufferers. The Proceedings of this Conclave will complete volume V of the Proceedings, and 150 copies should be bound. The cost will be about $1.00 per volume. Some fifty volumes of the Proceedings of other jurisdictions are ready for binding in order to properly preserve them for our library, and I therefore recommend an appropriation of $200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of binding 150 volumes of our own Proceedings and fifty volumes of other jurisdictions. The contingent expenses have been reduced at the rate of $160 per year for the past two years, and the expense for binding can be incurred without detriment to our finances.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $1,922.

The Report on Correspondence, by Sir William M. Shaver, contains a review of forty-one Grand Commandery Proceedings. It contains much of information respecting the conditions of Templary in different jurisdictions, and with this end in view summarizes facts and figures in an edifying way. A liberal notice is accorded Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Grand Commander Morse's annual address is praised and quoted from. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is also commended.

Correspondent Shaver declares that he does not intend to enter the field of Knightly literary controversy except under great provocation. He says:

> We are willing to let the big Knights do the fighting. Of course, if anyone draws a sword against Kansas, we do not know any better than to "pitch in" even if we do get hurt. We most thoroughly believe in Kansas, and in this cause may the arrows pierce us if we ever retreat!

Edward W. Wellington, Ellsworth, was elected Grand Commander; Thos. J. Anderson, Topeka, Grand Recorder; William M. Shaver, Topeka, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

### KENTUCKY, 1901.

The Proceedings are attractively bound, with illuminated covers and clearly-printed pages. The volume is embellished by a portrait of Grand Commander John G. Orndorff, who presided over the Fifty-fourth Annual Conclave, held in Lexington, May 15 and 16, 1901. Sir Knight Orndorff refers in his annual address to the Triennial Conclave to be held in the State, and urges the duty of "unselfish, untiring courtesy" on the part of the Kentucky Templars at that time. How well Kentucky hospitality was expressed we who were present at Louisville can testify. The Fraters of city and State were lavish and thoughtful in Knightly attentions to the visitors, who brought away enduring remembrances of the old Kentucky home, its hospitality, and the friendliness of its welcome. The Grand Commander commends the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Louisville, and approves the movement to establish an Old Men's Home in the State. He recommends an acceptance of the invitation to the Grand Commandery to participate in laying the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple in Louisville next Saint

Johns Day. The committee to which this section of the address was referred also recommended that the invitation be accepted, and it was so voted.

Upon motion of the Committee on Jurisprudence, a charter was granted to St. Bernard Commandery, No. 29, located at Earlington.

Russellville Commandery, No. 25, chartered May 15, 1890, was obliged, by reason of removals and "other adversities," to surrender its charter May 16, 1901. The following resolution was adopted:

> *Resolved,* That R. E. Sir John G. Orndorff be and is hereby appointed trustee for and in behalf of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, to receive from and take charge of and hold all the effects of Russellville Commandery, No. 25, subject to the further orders of the Grand Commandery, and that the charter and rituals be returned to the Grand Recorder, and a receipt given by him for them.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance, May 16, 1901, of $1,169.92: needless to say, this was *before* the Louisville Triennial.

The tabular statement gives the number of Sir Knights in the jurisdiction, April 30, 1901, as 2,395.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Conclave was an inspiring occasion. We note that the attendance included the Representative of our home jurisdiction near the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Sir H. G. Sandifer.

The Report on Correspondence is the twenty-eighth annual paper by Sir Charles R. Woodruff, Dean of the reportorial Guild. The report occupies ninety-four printed pages, and the forty-four Proceedings reviewed are given generous space, the name of each State appearing in decorated form. A unique feature of the appendix is a "temperance" map of Kentucky, showing the fact, of which many are not informed, that the State is almost entirely under "Local Option Law," and that there are few points, comparatively, where it is possible to lawfully obtain intoxicating drinks. Brother Woodruff says, in this connection:

> We have more than once had occasion to state in our Correspondence reports that the product for which Kentucky is so famous is distilled to supply an increasing demand outside of the State, only a small portion being reserved for home consumption, and this instructive map corroborates, in a large measure, the correctness of the statement.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Correspondent Woodruff says of our Semi-annual, held in Providence, May 29, 1900, that "business was despatched rapidly; the dinner deliberately." He affirms that the report of the Committee on By-Laws, presented at the Annual Conclave, was of "unusual interest," and notes that "the Proceedings were printed and distributed twenty-five days after the close of the Annual Conclave."

We were privileged to meet Frater Woodruff at Louisville, and strengthen the ties of fraternal association and regard which have made our intercourse during these many years a means of helpful satisfaction.

Henry T. Jefferson, Louisville, was elected Grand Commander; Alfred H. Bryant, Covington, was re-elected Grand Recorder; and Charles R. Woodruff, Louisville, was continued as Correspondent.

### Louisiana, 1901.

Louisiana is one of the smallest jurisdictions in point of numbers. Its six Commanderies have an aggregate membership of three hundred and thirty-two. The numerical showing is more favorable than last year, however, there being a net gain of eighteen reported. Three of the Commanderies report a membership of sixteen, nineteen, and twenty-six, respectively.

While Templary in Louisiana does not appear to have had a large measure of outward prosperity, it has made expression of itself in an orderly course of procedure, and has had a deserved influence both at home and outside the limits of the State.

The Proceedings in hand (26 pp.) contain the portraits of Sir Joseph J. Hooper, Grand Commander elect, and Sir Richard Lambert, Past Grand Commander, and the present Grand Recorder. The pamphlet gives an account of the doings of Grand Commandery at its Thirty-eighth Annual Conclave, held in New Orleans, February 15, 1901. The attendance was up to the average. Five constituent Commanderies were represented. Thirteen Past Grand Commanders were present, and there was a goodly number of visitors—among them Sir H. B. Stoddard, of Texas, then Deputy Grand Master, now the Grand Master, of the Grand Encampment of the United States, who was received with honors due his rank.

The address of Grand Commander Graham Surghnor occupies but three pages in the Proceedings. He made report of his official acts and of the organization of a new Commandery at Hammond. There was but little business requiring the attention of members. A vote was passed fixing the minimum fee for the orders at $30. The salary of Grand Recorder was fixed at $75. The balance in Grand Treasury was $491.17.

The officers elect were installed by Sir H. B. Stoddard.

There is no Report on Correspondence. A committee was appointed to prepare such a paper for next year.

Joseph J. Hooper, New Orleans, was elected Grand Commander; Richard Lambert, Grand Recorder; A. G. Brice and Richard Lambert, Committee on Correspondence.

## Maine, 1901.

Seventeen of the nineteen Commanderies in the jurisdiction were represented in the Fiftieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, at Portland, May 9, 1901. There were also present permanent members and visitors. Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Captain-General of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Grand Representative of Maine near that Grand Body, was escorted into the Asylum and welcomed by the Grand Commander. A like courtesy was shown to V. Em. Sir Henry W. Rugg, who, as representing the Grand Master of Templars in the United States, was introduced and welcomed.

The opening of a Commandery of Knights Templars was then exemplified in a very pleasing and accurate manner by a detachment of Knights of St. Alban Commandery, Portland.

Grand Commander Albert M. Spear in his annual address called attention to the fact that the present Conclave was an anniversary occasion. He expressed his belief that "it marks an epoch in the history of Templar Masonry in Maine." He dwelt upon the prosperous condition of the Order, saying:

> In this connection, therefore, I wish to say that, in my opinion, the subordinate Commanderies of the State were never in a more prosperous condition than to-day, and the membership never more alert to the principles of the Order. Nearly every Commandery in the State has a good comfortable home, and some of them live in luxury. But one Commandery has any debt, and in this case the amount of the liabilities above the assets are only $118.01. Every other Commandery has in its treasury a surplus, ranging from $17,000 down to a small sum, in most cases, however, the amount being a substantial asset. The membership has increased.

Under the heading of Decisions and Dispensations, he announces his refusal to grant a dispensation to Claremont Commandery authorizing that body to parade at a celebration of "Old Home Week." He reports his reply to the request, as follows:

> Nothing would be more gratifying to me, personally, than to grant your request, but as Grand Commander and as a Knight Templar I have so exalted a sense of the dignity of the Order that, in my view, it should parade in public only on Masonic occasions as now practiced. I think that my sentiment upon this matter is in harmony with that of all our Past Grand Commanders.

He sets forth the action of the Maine Commanderies in sending relief to the Galveston sufferers. The action taken was prompt and generous.

The Grand Commander accords high praise to the Commanderies in the State, nearly all of which he had visited officially. Trinity Commandery, Augusta, receives the highest encomium. We quote as follows:

> Comparisons are odious and I will not make any; but if I were to select a Commandery in all New England as an ideal of what Knight Templar Masonry should be, I should halt at the vestibule of Trinity and tarry long before looking beyond. A more perfect combination of the elements essential to the perfect enjoyment of Masonic life is

not within my knowledge. Their apartments are all commodious and elegant. Connected with them, on the floor below, is the Abnaki Club, a purely Masonic association. In harmony with their splendid surroundings is the *esprit de corps*, so to speak, of their Masonic life and interest. Complete harmony characterizes the sentiments and relations of the Sir Knights of Trinity Commandery. With such attributes characteristic of an Order, what thrift and energy would you not expect to find? I have not as yet said a word about the work, for my mind has first gathered in those qualities which surpass all work and all rituals, namely, the true conception of Knightly fraternity, the practice of Templar precepts and devotion to Masonic duty. The work, however, was performed in a very smooth and impressive manner. Here, as in Portland, fine music added much to the effect. Em. Commander Campbell and his officers are to be commended upon the efficient and pleasing manner in which the Order of the Temple was conferred.

We call attention to the foregoing extract because it sums up and emphasizes the essentials of a strong Commandery—a body which is useful according to its purposes, and whose ministries are blessed alike to the social and the moral life. Would that all Templar organizations might measure up to the standard of Trinity Commandery.

The Proceedings contain an abstract of "Inspection Reports," which is both interesting and suggestive. The percentage of members owning uniforms varies from 35 per cent. to 98 per cent. The rendering of the work is characterized "fair," "good," "very good," "excellent," the same terms being used to indicate floor-work and drill, and military appearance. Some Commanderies excel in one respect and some in another; but all seem to be deserving of "honorable mention."

The Grand Treasurer, Sir Leander W. Fobes, makes a good showing of the finances. He reports a balance on hand of $2,190.04.

The Grand Recorder submitted his annual report in the words following:

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 9, 1901.

*To the Grand Commandery of Maine:*

Outside of the routine duties of my office, I have nothing to call to your attention, and in regard to those duties your standing committees and Grand Commander will report.

Courteously submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
*Grand Recorder.*

By statistical tables we learn that the total membership of the nineteen Commanderies in the jurisdiction is 3,590—a net gain for the year of one hundred and six.

The business passed upon was limited, and for the most part of routine character. Considerable discussion took place in regard to the expediency of granting a dispensation for a new Commandery at Kennebunk. The report of a committee who recommended the granting of a dispensation was adopted.

Between the holding of the afternoon and evening sessions the members of the Grand Commandery and guests dined together. Following the dinner, Grand Commander Spear announced that a programme of exercises had been arranged by which to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Commandery of Maine. In carrying out the programme, several addresses of a reminiscent character were delivered. The Grand Recorder says:

He accordingly called upon V. E. Henry W. Rugg and Em. Freeman C. Hersey, both of whom were Knighted in Maine Commandery, No. 1, Past Grand Commanders John W. Ballou, Seth C. Gordon, Augustus B. Farnham, Josiah H. Drummond, and Grand Recorder Stephen Berry, who severally discoursed of the days gone by, to the great satisfaction and entertainment of the assembled company.

We may only add the expression of personal gratification that we were privileged to share the fellowship of so delightful an occasion, and to meet again, all so pleasantly, some of the Brethren and Sir Knights who were our comrades and close fellow-workers in former years. The anniversary will count as a "red letter day" in our experience.

At the evening session the remaining business had quick dispatch. The Grand Officers elect were duly inducted into office by Past Grand Commander Joseph A. Locke, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States. It is pleasant to add that Sir Knight Locke was promoted at the recent meeting of Grand Encampment at Louisville, and now holds and graces the office of Grand Senior Warden in the National Body.

The Report on Correspondence, by Frater Berry, is fully up to the standard he has fixed by his former reports—twenty-five in number. The years do not depress his thought nor make less his prophetic vision of coming good. We quote a few of his hopeful words:

> We can even be sure that the world will grow better, for every century has shown an improvement over the previous one in the condition of mankind. Chivalry has not declined, but has spread and grown stronger, though the day of the pilgrim warrior has passed and the mission of the pilgrim penitent has commenced. The mission of the ancient Knights was to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. We can find no higher mission to-day, but the inventive genius of America can find better ways than those of the past. Shall we press on in those better ways? Forward, Sir Knights, March!

In his brief notice of our last year's report he quotes the following:

> The impression which prevails in some quarters, that Grand Commanders have all the prerogatives of Grand Masters, needs to be corrected.

His comment is:

> That is probably open to discussion until the Grand Encampment shall rule upon the question.

Of course. We were only expressing our opinion. Our thought is that a reference to the address of Grand Master Lloyd, at Louisville, and to the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted by the Grand Encampment, will be most likely to have influence in correcting what we consider to be an erroneous view respecting the prerogatives of Grand Commanders and of the Grand Master of Templars. But we suppose there will still be discussion.

Clayton J. Farrington, Lewiston, was elected Grand Commander; Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Recorder, and reappointed Correspondent.

### MARYLAND, 1900.

The Proceedings of this jurisdiction are always well arranged, and printed in attractive form. We have alluded in previous reports to this fact, because we recognize the value of good taste and skilled handicraft in the preparation of a volume which gives permanence to important records. Whenever funds will allow, we believe that clear print, wide margins, and good paper should attract the casual reader to Proceedings and invite his inspection of their contents.

The Grand Commandery held its Thirtieth Annual Conclave in Baltimore, November 22 and 23, 1900. Grand Commander Lewis H. Uhrig, whose picture appears on the first page of the Proceedings, presided and read his annual address. The attendance included Sir Charles McDonald, representing Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of Maryland.

The business of the Conclave was of local interest, and was conducted with dispatch.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand, November 22, 1900, of $1,207.76.

From the tabulated statement we learn that the number of Sir Knights in the twelve constituent Commanderies, November 1, 1900, is 1,251.

A portrait of the newly-elected Grand Commander, Sir Graham Dukehart, gives additional interest to the volume.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir John H. Miller, who is, perhaps, more widely known throughout the Fraternity by his title of Grand Recorder, but who brings to both offices ability and conscientious effort. This is his second report of Grand Commandery Proceedings, and is not only "up-to-date," but is thoughtful in its comment and discriminating in its quotations. What Correspondent Miller says of another may well be applied to his own excellent method of review:

He believes in excerpting some of the best things he finds in other Proceedings and reports, and displays excellent judgment in his selections.

Frater Miller gives Massachusetts and Rhode Island generous notice. He says that Maryland's Grand Representative, Sir George H. Burnham, was present at the Semi-annual Conclave, held May 29, 1900, and adds:

> We hope to meet him in Louisville, as his picture shows one of the strongest and best faces we have ever seen, and by his prominence in the committee work of the Annual and Semi-annual Conclaves of his Grand Commandery, the face does not belie its owner.

The following relates to a paragraph in Grand Commander Morse's annual address:

> He recommends that Ascension Day be adopted as a Knight Templar day throughout the jurisdiction, and that the Sir Knights attend Easter services with their families. We think he is right, and that is the way we do in Maryland.

Last year Correspondent Miller spoke somewhat slightingly of Rhode Island "shore dinners," and we tried to convince him in our report that they equalled, if not surpassed, one of "old Bill Allen's" repasts for which he claims superior excellence. But he is evidently not convinced, for this year he again alluded to Maryland oysters and crabs as preferable to Field's Point clams, and refers the matter to Past Grand Master Thomas, who has "been there." If our distinguished Fraters Thomas and Miller will visit Rhode Island and partake of a "shore dinner" in company with the writer, the decision of two of the three shall be final as to the relative merits of Narragansett bay clams and Back river crabs. That Correspondent Miller has not tested the true Rhode Island shore dinner, the appended paragraph, under Illinois, makes evident. Let the Fraters in whose testimony he believes, as do we, once try a "shore dinner," prepared and eaten on Rhode Island soil, and their opinion as to the "centre of good eating" may change:

> We remember partaking once of a shore dinner at College Point, New York, where they had everything a Rhode Islander likes, but we could not eat anything but the ice cream, as everything else tasted of smoke and seaweed. We prefer one of "old" Bill Allen's shore dinners down on Back river, near Baltimore, where you can get terrapin, duck, fried chicken, Maryland biscuits, and lots of other good things. Or a trip out to Electric park, or to Hallstead's on the Pimlico road, where you can get the best flannel cakes that ever melted butter. Ask LaRue Thomas or Cornelius Hedges, of Montana, about old Bill Allen's dinners, or Past Grand Master Thomas and Grand Recorder Wm. H. Mayo, of Missouri, about Electric park, and see if they don't agree with me that Baltimore is the centre of good eating.

This is a minor point of difference, however, and will be the only one when we extend Rhode Island hospitality to the above-named Templars and Correspondent Miller. May the day soon come!

Graham Dukehart, Baltimore, was elected Grand Commander; John H. Miller, of the same city, was re-elected Grand Recorder and re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

### MICHIGAN, 1901.

The Proceedings present the usual inviting appearance. An excellent portrait of Sir Philip T. Van Zile, Grand Commander 1900–1901, forms the frontispiece.

The Grand Commandery held its Forty-fifth Annual Conclave, in Detroit, May 21 and 22, 1901. All the Grand Officers were present, also fifteen Past Grand Commanders, and representatives from forty-three of the forty-seven Commanderies which comprise the jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander's address is optimistic throughout. He would practicalize and extend Templary. He suggests that the Order has been too exclusive. On this point we quote the following:

> In this connection it may be remarked, as a just criticism, in my opinion, in years past that Templar Masonry all over the country has been too exclusive. Knights Templar have failed to obey the beautiful admonition so often given and so much cherished by them, "Let your light so shine before men that they, seeing your good works, may glorify our Father in Heaven." We have clothed the

> Order in the greatest mystery; with so mysterious an air have we guarded it that we became even mysterious to ourselves as well as to the outside world, and as a result the interest flagged and the world did not care for us.

Probably we do not differ from Grand Commander Van Zile as to the duty of making the Templar Order a practical force for good in the world; but we cannot help thinking that its mission is both subjective and objective. By its limitations and seeming exclusiveness it is supposed to create a strong bond of fellowship among its members, and to help them in manifold ways, as it could not uplift and bless them were all the barriers between itself and the world broken down. As it enlarges and enlightens the minds of its own membership, so at least one important part of its mission is fulfilled.

The Grand Commander refers to the response made by Michigan Knights Templars to the Texas storm sufferers. He says:

> On the 14th of September, 1900, I issued to the several Commanderies an appeal for aid for the Galveston sufferers, and right nobly did they respond. Twenty-two Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction contributed to this appeal for relief the sum of $806.50. The greater part of it was forwarded direct, as requested, to Henry B. Stoddard, by the officers of the several Commanderies; donations running from $10 to $278.50. The record made by this contribution is certainly a magnificent example of generosity upon the part of the Sir Knights of this State. Well did they remember their duty "to succor the needy, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted."

Among the dispensations he granted were two somewhat out of the ordinary. One was to Muskegon Commandery, permitting it to parade in full Templar uniform on the occasion of the unveiling of the statues of Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, and Farragut, these statues having been presented to the city of Muskegon by a Brother Mason. The other was to Corunna Commandery, allowing it to parade in uniform "on the occasion of the dedication of a park donated to the city of Corunna by our worthy and beloved Templar, Hugh McCurdy."

Both dispensations, on recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, were approved by the Grand Commandery.

He submits with his address an interesting paper covering reports of his personal inspections and inspections made by officers whom he designated for such work. We note the frankness of the Grand Commander in some of his criticisms. Of one Commandery, visited by him, he has this to say:

> The opening was bad. The military work was very poor, and the reason seemed to be that the members had failed to take the interest they should have taken in the drills and in attendance at the meetings of the Commandery. Many of their members were living out of town and but little work had been done during the year, and the officers were more or less discouraged. The work of conferring the order was not commendable work, and this Commandery needs more life and push or it will lose the prestige it has always enjoyed.

Assuming the adverse criticism to be justified, as no doubt it was, we may anticipate that it will be of benefit, not only to the Commandery thus declared to be at fault, but to other Commanderies in the jurisdiction who will apply at least some small part of the criticism to themselves.

The Grand Recorder reported a present membership of 5,880, a net increase of ninety-five for the year.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $6,873. The expenses of the year were $4,388.

The Committee on the Templar Dead, Sir and Rev. Francis A. Blades, chairman, presented a comprehensive and touching report. Among the departed, to whom a just tribute is paid, we find the name of Past Grand Commander Charles C. Fry, who will have an abiding place in the hearts of the Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

But little business was transacted. One new departure may be noticed, viz.: the adoption of a report looking to an annual encampment of all the Commanderies in the State, but providing for a testing of the feeling in each Commandery before there shall be any convening of the bodies in the way proposed.

Past Grand Commander John A. Gerow, now Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

> *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the matter of competitive drill where prizes are striven for generates feelings not consistent with the teachings of our Order nor commensurate with the dignity of Knights of the Temple.
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> Therefore it is hereby ordered that in future all Commanderies holding allegiance to this Grand Commandery be and are hereby prohibited from engaging in any such competitive drill where prizes are awarded.

Past Grand Master Sir Hugh McCurdy installed the newly-elected officers.

The Report on Correspondence (142 pp.), by Sir Henry L. Anthony, shows careful and conscientious work on the part of the reviewer. We quote his modest foreword:

> I beg to urge upon every Templar who desires to keep abreast of the best Templar thought and opinion, to carefully study this report. Not for anything I may have said, but because among its pages will be found the best thought and noblest sentiments emanating from prominent Templars throughout the United States. I have not hesitated in every instance to cull the best sayings, and now have the pleasure of laying them before you.

He gives a notice of six pages to Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Proceedings of 1900, and quotes from the annual address of Grand Commander Morse and from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. We appreciate his kindly notice of the work of the present writer, as we do his reproducing of a number of extracts from our report of last year. We agree with him that "when a Commandery desires to take an outing with their ladies accompanying them it ought not to be called a *pilgrimage*."

We also agree with Frater Anthony in what he says, under Minnesota, respecting the proper range and uses of Reports on Correspondence. He says:

> It seems to us if these Correspondence reports are worth printing at all they should not only contain a brief statistical account of sister Grand Commanderies, but to make it readable and enjoyable should contain the eloquent passages from addresses, reports, and wherever else one may gather a literary gem worth preserving.

Under Wisconsin, he makes the following statement:

> We venture the opinion that the real and genuine sentiment of nine Templars out of ten are against such belief, and we venture the further assertion that not one Templar in twenty-five ever presents his name as a candidate for Templar honors on account of its being a Christian organization, but rather on account of its social and military features.

Perhaps the opinion is correct. Our thought is, however, that a considerably larger proportion of those who enter the Order are drawn to it because they learn that it is an organization "founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues."

Charles R. Hawley, Bay City, was elected Grand Commander; Henry L. Anthony, Sturgis, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

### MINNESOTA, 1901.

Grand Commander Thomas H. Warren, whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the Proceedings now under review, presided at the Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave, held in Minneapolis, April 24, 1901. Twenty-two of the twenty-five Commanderies answered at roll-call. The actual attendance of members was ninety-eight, including twelve Past Grand Commanders.

Grand Commander Warren made an extended report of his official acts. Two new Commanderies were instituted by him—one at New Ulm, the other at Fairmount. The special dispensations granted included a permission in two cases to receive and ballot on petitions at the same Conclave. He reports his efforts, not altogether successful, to have visits of inspection made to all the Commanderies in the jurisdiction. "Politics and sickness," he says, "interferred very materially with inspections." Good results, however, appear from the work that was done. The appended reports of inspecting officers show that a "bounteous hospitality" was manifest at all the visits.

Grand Recorder Montgomery in his report summarized the returns of the past year. We copy a portion of his statement:

> Returns have been received from each Commandery, including De Molay, U. D. The following is a summary: Knighted, 121; joined, 18; restored, 11; withdrawn, 64; stricken from roll, 60; died, 32; membership April 1, 1901, 2,739. If we add the twenty petitioners for new Commanderies who filed dimits, the result will show a slight increase over last year. Although the returns cover a period of only ten months, yet there has been a noticeable falling off of work and increase of losses; in fact, the gains and losses come nearer balancing the past year than during any year in our history. Our net gains for the past twelve years have been nine hundred and sixty, or about fifty-three per cent., a growth about equal to that in our Chapters and Lodges.

The balance reported to be in the treasury of the Grand Body is $2,516.08. The total disbursements for the year, $1,861.76; considerably less than the receipts.

The Report on Correspondence, by Sir Thomas Montgomery, Past Grand Commander and present Grand Recorder, is somewhat briefer than usual, due to the fact that the Grand Commandery, in 1899, changed its time of annual meeting from June to April. The reviewer, therefore, had fewer Proceedings to pass upon than in former years.

Brother Montgomery gives out information in a concentrated form. He is proficient in the art of condensation. He gets the most of print out of his copy, making the paragraphs few and far between. He is a keen observer, quick to get at the heart of a matter, and, as already intimated, he knows how to boil down the facts and figures of which he makes use. Thus on one of the pages of his report, given to Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he describes in a very concise way the Semi-annual and Annual Conclaves of our Grand Commandery, 1900. Following this narration he quotes from our Proceedings of last year, copying, with an expression of his approval, what we said about the use of the ballot and inspections, and reproducing entire the conclusion of our paper.

Under Montana, he says of Correspondent Hedges: "We admire his patriotic sentiments, which are everywhere manifest." Under Oregon, he expresses his disfavor with the Pittsburg legislation, re-affirmed at Louisville, touching dependent membership. He declares, "no true Mason should abandon his Lodge, but membership in any Masonic Body should be wholly voluntary." He is sparing in his comments, though he does not disguise his convictions when there seems to be a call for their expression.

J. W. Chamberlain, St. Paul, was elected Grand Commander; Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, was re-elected Grand Recorder and re-appointed Correspondent.

## Mississippi, 1901.

The Proceedings, (164 pp.) are ornamented with three portraits. The frontispiece shows the attractive face of the Grand Commander elect, Sir Harry T. Howard; opposite of page 32 appears the presentment of our dear Frater, General John Corson Smith, of Illinois, and opposite the first page of his Report on Correspondence we may look upon the portrait of Past Grand Commander E. G. De Lap. The three portraits — "Commander, Representative, Reporter" — enhance the value of the volume whose pages we are just now turning.

At the opening of the Grand Commandery—the Forty-first Annual Conclave, held in the city of Water Valley, February 26, 1901—there were present all of the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Commanders, and the representatives of sixteen Commanderies; also a large number of visitors.

General John Corson Smith was received and welcomed with fitting honors. He spoke at some length on the Order of the Temple, and interestingly told the story of observation and incidents in foreign lands.

After the opening ceremonies and the address by General Smith, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the Presbyterian Church, where the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Sir D. B. Waddell, Grand Prelate. The excellent discourse is printed in the Proceedings.

The address of Grand Commander Rev. and Sir John A. B. Jones gives evidence of his great interest in Templary and his zeal in the discharge of the duties of his important office.

Under the heading "Dispensations Granted," he announces fourteen to ballot out of time and confer the orders. This seems a large number for a comparatively small jurisdiction. It is to be regretted that most Grand Commanders are so willing to issue dispensations to expedite the movements of candidates. As a rule, we doubt if there is any sufficient urgency for the desired haste.

Mississippi made a contribution to the needs of the Galveston sufferers. The total amount forwarded by the Grand Recorder was $1,667.85. This sum, we infer, covers the gifts of Lodges, Councils, Chapters, with one donation of $100 credited to the Mystic Shrine.

The Grand Commander dislikes the Christmas toast observance. He says:

> While willing to comply with any order or request when legally made, and to observe any custom that will honor our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, I am unshaken in the belief that this Christmas toast *fad* should be placed on the retired list.

He gives no reasons for discontinuing the observance.

Under the head of "Rituals" he uses strong words, as follows:

> My deliberate conclusion is that it was a misfortune, a direful calamity to Christian Knighthood, when the Grand Encampment of the United States of America established a crutch factory, and authorized and opened a distributing bureaucracy to supply, upon demand, each Commandery within the jurisdiction as many crutches as required, and attested by the Right Eminent Grand Recorder to be of approved material, regulation style, weight, and officially numbered. I am rejoiced to know that many of the Eminent Commanders and other officials in this Grand Jurisdiction prefer the old way of walking. It would, no doubt, secure a rapid, robust, and efficient development if our Grand Recorder was required to see that every ritual distributed pursuant to the general order of the Grand Master be returned as the property of the Grand Encampment.

Our thought is quite otherwise. To secure uniformity of work is everyway desirable. For this there must be an authorized standard; and in our opinion the approved rituals may well be sent out, under careful safeguards, and in limited numbers, for the use of Commanderies. Only this has been done, as we are informed, nothing more. The Grand Encampment does not seem to be blameworthy in that it has caused the official ritual to be made available for general use.

The statistical summary presented by the Grand Recorder shows seventeen active Commanderies on the roll, having a total memberseip of seven hundred and nineteen—an increase over the previous year of one hundred and forty-four.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in hand of $766.21.

The business of the Conclave was not burdensome. Among the papers presented was the following from the Committee on Templar Law, Frederick Speed, chairman.

> The Committee on Templar Law beg leave to report that they recommend the approval of all the dispensations granted by the Right Eminent the Grand Commander, but with the reservation that they do not think that a dispensation ought to be granted under any circumstances to confer the orders without requiring that all the members should have notice of the intention to ballot on a petition which is to be acted on at any other than a Stated Conclave.

All the equities seem to require that such aprovision should be inserted in every dispensation to ballot out of time.

The Report on Correspondence, by Sir E. G. De Lap, occupies one hundred and two closely-printed pages. The merit of the paper may not be questioned. Its author is a man who has opinions and does not hold them back. He has a rare faculty of comment and criticism, and is never dull.

He begins his present report with the following arraignment:

> It is proper for me to remark that I am not responsible for the usual performances of the "intelligent compositor" nor for the idiosyncracies of the proof-reader, as both these gentlemen seem to take delight in mangling the sense and destroying the perfection of the English peculiar to my literary productions. We have no desire to complain of an occasional lapse where the sense is not destroyed and your committee made ridiculous. In our review of Kentucky in 1899, we wrote "wood" of the cross, and the friends alluded to above printed it "word of the cross," thus utterly eliminating what point and sense there was in the original sentence. The paragraph was quoted by a number of reviewers, and in every instance the printed text was followed, although they must have known that it was a misprint. Happily these marplots, the I. C. and the P. R.

> will have to answer for their devilment sometime, and we sincerely hope that no guilty one among them will be allowed to escape. There are other mistakes, or misfeances, about as bad as the above, but it is useless to quote them here.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island he expresses his dissent to some of the technicalities which, by long use, have become almost sacred. Referring to Grand Commander Morse's address at the May Conclave, 1900, he says:

> He issued quite a batch of dispensations—one to one of his subordinates to go to New York for a lark. It is comforting to know that he asked and obtained permission for this command to pass through Connecticut and enter New York, thereby avoiding a disturbance of the *entente cordial* and possible carnage! We cannot be too careful in cases of this kind to have everything properly arranged in advance so as to avoid a possible and bloody conflict! He is very much in favor of summer "*Pilgrimages.*" We, also, are in favor of summer outings, but draw the line at "*Pilgrimages.*"

Further along in his notice of our jurisdiction, we find the following:

> They either go to church in regalia and according to Gunter's tactics up there, when they please, or they have backslidden, as we find no record of dispensations granted for that purpose.

The church-going has not been altogether abandoned. A reference to the Grand Commander's "General Order No. 7," will afford evidence of the fact. The report of Grand Commander Morse, at the Semi-annual Conclave, shows that ten Commanderies—1,036 Knights in line—attended Easter services in Tremont Temple, Boston, April 15, 1900.

Frater De Lap commends the generous response by our jurisdiction to the Galveston sufferers. He is moved to say that "the sum of $3,296 contributed by the Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, compares very favorably with our own donation for the same object."

He does us injustice, of course unintentional, in one respect. He says:

> We find no reference to the coming Triennial at Louisville, from which we infer that our Brethren are either going to "camp out," stay at home, or that they already own a hotel in Louisville.

If our friend had gone a little further back in his reading, or could have looked forward to the May meeting (1901) of our Grand Commandery, he would have had no cause to hint at any possible lack in making arrangements for Louisville. The committee, having authority, reported to Grand Commandery, May 24, 1899, stating that they had made such arrangements at the Galt House as would "ensure comfort for the representatives of this Grand Body," at reasonable terms. There was a supplementary report, as mentioned. The fact is, our Grand Commandery was fairly well represented at Louisville, all the arrangements for their accommodation there being carefully made by a committee eminently qualified for such a service.

Correspondent De Lap's kindly references to our report of last year, and to ourself, are gratefully appreciated. We prize his friendship and good wishes. His "Conclusion" is characteristic. We quote as follows:

> The Order seems to be in a healthy, prosperous, and peaceful state. There is nothing of an exciting or belligerent character on the tapis. The "dependent membership law," although perfectly plain in its provisions, has taken two years to penetrate the "gray matter" of some Templars, who ought to be ashamed of themselves for their dullness. The Grand Master has made it plain to all, and it is to be hoped that it will be generally understood before it is repealed.
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> The result of the recent general election assures the country prosperity, quiet, and peace, the early suppression of the rebellion in the Philippines—if we have to kill all the savages and Malay pirates that inhabit them—the annexation of Cuba, and some other good things, for all of which we ought to be thankful to the Father of Mercies, Whose wisdom controls the kingdoms and nations of the world, even as the waters cover the sea.
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> "Lord of the Nations, thus to Thee,
> Our country we commend;
> Be Thou our refuge and our strength,
> Our everlasting Friend."

We beg pardon for this somewhat political digression. Some of you are a little sore over the result, and we are trying to imbue your minds with a little of our faith in God, and our firm belief that our country is the special object of His care and protecting providence. He knows what is best for our country and for us, and that is what He sends us.

We beg our Brethren of the Guild to believe that we have written nothing in this report that had malice for its inspiration, or unkindness for its basis.

With best wishes for the largest measure of success and prosperity for each of you, as well as the Order at large, and with sentiments of sincere affection for all of you, we beg to remain,

Courteously and faithfully yours,

E. G. DE LAP,

*Reporter.*

Harry T. Howard, Biloxi, was elected Grand Commander; J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Recorder; E. G. De Lap, Natchez, Reporter.

### MISSOURI, 1901.

All but one of the fifty-six constituent Commanderies were represented at the Fortieth Annual Conclave, held in St. Louis, April 23, 1901. The Grand Officers, with a single exception, were in their respective stations at the opening of Grand Commandery. Sir Reuben Barney, Grand Commander, presided, and delivered a comprehensive address. Sir Knight Barney represents Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of Missouri. In the course of his address he alludes specially to three members of the Grand Commandery who have died during the year: Sir Knights Leslie Orear and James F. Aglar, Past Grand Commanders; and Benjamin F. Nelson, Grand Junior Warden at the time of his death. Grand Commander Barney commends the work of the Masonic Home. He says:

> This home has become one of the noblest monuments of your charity and benevolence. In its establishment and maintenance you have demonstrated to the world that your sublime motto, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," is not a meaningless expression of a great purpose. This home, in all that it means and does, is but an exemplification of what He did and what He taught. Herein do you prove your faith by your works.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand, April 23, 1901, of $5,361.20.

The sum of fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated to assist in providing a building for the old people at the Masonic Home.

The Proceedings contain portraits of Sir Reuben Barney, Grand Commander 1900–1901, and Sir John Ure, Grand Commander 1873–1874, together with biographical sketches of each.

Grand Recorder William H. Mayo presents his twenty-fourth annual Report on Correspondence. Sir Knight Mayo reviews the Proceedings of forty-four Grand Jurisdictions, including England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland. He appends a valuable table of Templar statistics for the calendar year 1900.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the Correspondent refers to the section of Grand Commander Morse's annual address relating to dispensations. Sir Knight Morse reported having granted a number of dispensations to ballot upon candidates at Special Conclaves, but his explanatory words for so doing show, as Correspondent Mayo says, "that he is not in love with the practice." Brother Mayo forgot to add that our Grand Commandery, upon recommendation of its Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted a new rule, as follows:

> We recommend that no dispensation be hereafter granted to shorten the time of balloting in any case below the constitutional time of two weeks from the reception of any petition for the orders, and that balloting be permitted at Stated Conclaves only.

Horace G. Clark, St. Louis, was elected Grand Commander; William H. Mayo, of the same city, was re-elected Grand Recorder and re-appointed Correspondent.

### MONTANA, 1900.

The Thirteenth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Great Falls, September 17, 1900, was attended by representatives of the nine Commanderies comprising the jurisdiction. All the Grand Officers were present, and five Past Grand Commanders.

Grand Commander Geo. M. Hays, whose speaking face looks out from the frontispiece of the Proceedings which we are now reviewing, presided, and delivered an address occupying fourteen pages in print. The address bears the stamp of ability as well as length. It begins with a reference to the "shocking and atrocious murder of Christians in far away China," and expresses the hope that Knights Templars will stand by their fellow Christians everywhere, and extend to them all possible help.

In announcing special dispensations, he explains and defends his action in granting permission to Black Eagle Commandery to act as escort to a company of soldiers on their return from the Philippines. Under the law he had full authority to issue the desired dispensation; but another in his place might have withheld it. He justifies his course in the following earnest words:

> While this is an unusual proceeding yet we believe and contend that in instances where our citizen soldiery have with all honor been loyal and true to our country, been baptized in their own blood in a distant land in support of our government, and returning heroes as they are, no honor too great or praise too lavish is sufficient recompense. We, as Knights Templar, have drawn our swords in all just and righteous contests; and to support our nation is hand in hand with defending our faith, to salute a returning Sir Knight who has upheld our nation's flag is a duty we love to perform, and in token of our sincerity and the earnestness of our purpose in this belief we throw away our scabbard.

The Grand Commander reports having visited all the Commanderies except one in the jurisdiction. This work, pleasant as it was, involved the taking of long and tiresome journeys. Evidently it was appreciated; it will stimulate the Commanderies to increased efforts. We copy, from the closing portion of the address, the following:

> No decisions have been asked for, and altogether the duties of your Grand Commander have been such as to mark his term of office as one of unalloyed pleasure and comfort. Our people are contented; miners, stockmen, ranchers, and all branches of labor have enjoyed in a fair measure the bounties of our unlimited resources. This, the Treasure State, will still be more prosperous, and with the coming of material happiness the cause of Templarism will flourish and gain new strength and vigor.

The business of the Grand Commandery was quickly dispatched. A charter was voted to a new Commandery. Reports of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer were received and approved. It appears that the net gain in membership is seventeen; making the total four hundred and twenty-six. Cash on hand, $1,102,56.

Among the transactions near the close of the Conclave, we note the following:

> Sir Knight J. Benton Leggat, E. Commander Montana Commandery, No. 3, addressed the Grand Commandery with reference to the subordinate Commanderies furnishing each Sir Knight with a Malta jewel. After some discussion it was moved by Sir Knight Francis D. Jones, duly seconded and carried, that it is the sense of this Grand Body that subordinate Commanderies should furnish each Sir Knight with a Malta jewel upon the occasion of his reception into the Order.

Why such action was taken does not appear. There was no report of a committee on the subject, no discussion. Probably the intent is to stimulate interest in the order of Malta, which in some jurisdictions is not appreciated according to its deservings.

The Proceedings are embellished by two portraits—one of Grand Commander Hays, the other of Grand Recorder Neill. Our thanks are due the Grand Recorder for a special copy printed on card. Correspondent Coxe, who was thus favored, says: "The work is chromo-lithogravure, and is the finest that has come to our notice, aside from steel engraving." Correspondent De Lap refers to the portrait as "adorning the pamphlet," and adds, "Grand Recorder Neill is not a 'pretty man,' but he is an exceptionally handsome, fine, and good-looking one." We concur in the judgment.

The Report on Correspondence (88 pp.) bears the characteristic stamp which Cornelius Hedges puts on all his writings. The paper is bright and entertaining, and devoid of clippings. Every one has his own way, and for Frater Hedges there is no call to use scissors and mucilage. He wields the pen of a ready writer, and may well follow his own method of review. But none the less do we favor a reasonable amount of selection in a Report on Correspondence. It is well, we think, to present the opinions of prominent Sir Knights, at least sometimes, in their own words. The "clippings," when judiciously made and limited, do not in our judgment diminish the value of the average report.

Correspondent Hedges notices some of the great world interests and movements. In a special report presented by him, he has this to offer respecting the recent troubles in China:

> With our Right Eminent, we note the timely reference to the great events transpiring in the far East, and with him believe that as Christian Knights we should protest, and exert all our united efforts to repel the unjust charges circulated against the Christian missionaries as the cause of the present troubles in China, and uphold our national government in demanding, not only indemnity for property destroyed, but for the precious lives sacrificed, and ample security for the future.

At the outset of his Correspondence Report he discusses the war in South Africa. He acknowledges a sympathy with the Boers, but feels compelled to line up on the side of England. He says:

> Though some of our people had a sentimental sympathy for the Boers, the sober conviction of all was that the permanent welfare and progress of the world were associated with British success. This war, like ours, has been brightened by frequent displays of chivalrous treatment on the part of both combatants.

He is a believer in expansion, as the following excerpt shows:

> There are others who think we are getting beyond our Monroe Doctrine cable-tow. But a cable-tow fitted for Monroe's time is too short for the new century whose threshold we are approaching. The Monroe Doctrine has lost none of its vigor or backing. We are now looking for an "open door" in Asia, of which we propose to be warder, and a more eligible site for the purpose could not be found than the Philippine Islands. The hand of Providence became manifest, and as the Apostle Peter once remarked, "What were we, that we could withstand God." The "consent of the governed" does not figure in God's government.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to which a courteous and extended notice is given, he summarizes the transactions at the May and October Conclaves, 1899, finding much to praise, and occasionally something not exactly to his liking. He refers approvingly to the address of Grand Commander Shepley, while he accords special commendation to the reports of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer.

On this point, we quote as follows:

> The reports of Grand Recorder Rowell and Grand Treasurer Upham preceded the address of the Right Eminent, and the statistics collated would make a handsome collation of themselves for discussion and digestion.

Further along he says: "Grand Recorder Rowell is equal to Mulhall on statistics." In the same connection he adds this suggestive statement: "The jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has twice as many Templars as in all the world outside of the United States."

Correspondent Hedges expresses an objection to our practice of not calling for reports of the Jurisprudence Committee (on decisions of Grand Commander) at the Conclaves when such decisions are announced. He says:

> The decisions of the Right Eminent stand as law till reversed by Grand Commandery. It is a serious matter to keep the whole jurisdiction in suspense on important matters. We favor early reports and decisions.

He refers to our Correspondence Report of 1899 as of "great interest and merit." He believes, as we do, in the "Fourth Estate," and in the potent influence for the right which writers on Freemasonry and Templary may exert. He approves the views we have expressed on the subject of Masonic Homes, but adds this very proper reminder: "The last word has not yet been spoken or written on the subject, but it is under experimental solution."

The report in hand is fully up to the standard as regards its optimism. It prophesies the growth and increasing glory of our nation, and the progress of Templary in the fulfillment of its mission to be a mighty force on the side of Christian civilization and human rights. We rejoice in the same hopeful feeling.

James H. Monteath, Browning, was elected Grand Commander; Edward D. Neil, Butte, Grand Recorder; Cornelius Hedges, Helena, re-appointed Correspondent.

### NEBRASKA, 1901.

A fine steel engraved portrait of Grand Commander Thomas G. Rees adorns the Proceedings (126 pp.), the subject-matter of which is well arranged and closely printed.

It was the twenty-ninth Annual Conclave; the place of meeting, York; the date, April 18, 1901.

Three of the Grand Officers were absent at the opening, viz.: The Grand Prelate, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Sword Bearer. Seventeen of the twenty-four chartered Commanderies in the jurisdiction responded at roll-call.

The address of Grand Commander Rees is very brief. He expresses his regret at not having been able to devote as much time as he could have wished to the discharge of the duties of his high office.

He announces the granting of eight special dispensations—five of them to ballot out of time. He reports two decisions, unimportant. He also reports having constituted, by proxy, a new Commandery at Bloomfield.

The Grand Treasurer made a good financial showing—the balance in his hands being $2,740.66.

The report of the Grand Recorder is accompanied by an abstract of returns, showing that the twenty-four Commanderies comprising the jurisdiction had a total membership, March 1, 1901, of 1,660, a net gain of twenty for the year reported.

The business transacted was chiefly of a routine character.

The Report on Correspondence (96 pp.), by Sir Francis E. White, attests a careful reading of the Proceedings reviewed and likewise much of discriminating judgment in passing upon the various matters thus brought to notice.

He gives a courteous and extended review of the Proceedings of Massachusetts and Rhode Island (1900), and summarizes in a very clear way the address of the Grand Commander and the action of the Grand Body. Referring

to the Grand Commander's report as to his having granted several dispensations to ballot at Special Conclaves, Correspondent White applauds the action taken by the Grand Commandery in adopting the recommendation of its Committee to do away with the practice. He has other words of praise for us, viz.:

> Owing to the size of the jurisdiction a very large amount of business was transacted, all conducted in a business-like manner, and the Proceedings show that peace, prosperity, and harmony reign among the Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The complimentary words written of our report will incite us to do our best in such service. The task of preparing a paper worthy of presentation to our Grand Commandery always appalls us. It seems a formidable service. But there is zest in doing the work. We turn the pages of numerous Proceedings to note the progress of our dearly loved Order; to come into touch with devoted Sir Knights; to find so many expressions of worthy thought and noble sentiment that we can make our pen fly swiftly over the paper, and make no complaint at the weariness of the flesh that sometimes comes upon us after a prolonged season of reading or writing.

Frater White concurs in our often expressed opinion that there is value in the representative system as applied by Grand Lodges and Grand Commanderies. He says: "We can testify that in several instances the representatives near the Grand Bodies of Nebraska have rendered very efficient services to the bodies they represented." "We are heartily in favor," he adds, "of continuing this 'empty honor.'"

We quote from his "Conclusion:"

> In concluding our second review we are satisfied that the world is better to-day than it was when we completed our first one. Christianity, Fraternity, and Brotherhood have been steadily moving forward. Each member received into our Order has strengthened it, and contributed to the general good of mankind. The influence of Templary Masonry has always been on the side of that which is best. The amount of good that we, as an Order, can do, is the sum total which each individual member contributes to the whole. If we do the small amount of good that opportunity presents to us, showing both by precept and example that we are true to the principles of

Christian Knighthood, the deeds so done will not only permeate the community wherein we live, but will go on and on until distant lands shall have felt their influence, and our power for good will have greatly increased.

Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh, was elected Grand Commander; Francis E. White, Plattsmouth, Grand Recorder and re-appointed Correspondent.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1900.

All the Grand Officers, with two exceptions, were present at the opening of the Fifty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, held in Concord, September 25, 1900. There were also in attendance fourteen Past Grand Commanders, the Representatives of twenty-four sister Grand Commanderies, and the officers and proxies representing the eleven Commanderies which form the jurisdiction.

Among the visitors was Sir Joseph A. Locke, of Portland, Maine, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, present as officially representing the Grand Master.

Grand Commander Henry B. Quinby, who presided, made report of his official acts in a brief and businesslike address. He announced the granting of twelve dispensations, all in the ordinary course. He says that he had been called on for but few decisions, and these were easily made by citing the constitution and statutes. His visits to five Commanderies in the State enabled him to report them as in excellent condition.

The Grand Commander pays a loving tribute to the memory and worth of several Sir Knights who have recently passed on to the brighter land of the immortals. We have a pleasant remembrance of one of the honored departed, Rev. Henry Barnard Smith, Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, whose love for Templary was very strong. He was justly prominent in his profession and deservedly esteemed by all who knew him. He died at Lockport, N. Y., August 21, 1900.

The Deputy Grand Commander, who was the acting executive head for a period of some three months, during which the Grand Commander was out of the State, presented a report of his official acts, showing the granting of five dispensations and the rendering of one decision, all in the usual course and of no general interest.

The Grand Commandery voted to approve all the official acts and decisions of the Grand Commander and of the Deputy Grand Commander.

The returns to Grand Recorder show items of interest, as follows: Knighted during the preceding year, 94; restored to membership, 4; died, 39; demitted, 28; suspended, 4; net gain, 27. The eleven Commanderies have an aggregate membership of 2,234. Cash in treasury at beginning of last year, $1,154.28; receipts, $1,416.39; disbursements, $1,118.89; balance $1,451.78. By vote at the Annual Conclave, the sum of $50 was appropriated to the Galveston sufferers.

The business transacted was of routine character.

One feature of interest was the exemplification of the order of Temple by Trinity Commandery, which conferred the order of the Temple on a Companion duly elected to receive it.

Past Grand Commander Wait furnished a Report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of forty-two jurisdictions in the same kindly and fair spirit which he has manifested in the preparation of many similar reports. Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Proceedings of 1900, received a courteous notice.

He refers to the ruling of Grand Commander Shepley (1899) on the Northampton case, which was as follows:

> I understand Companion Seaver has already complied with the forms and ceremonies, and taken all of the obligations appertaining to the orders of Knighthood. He having been deprived of his Templar rights, in view of the recent legislation of the Grand Encampment you are hereby authorized to re-obligate Companion Seaver, first submitting him to the ordeal of a ballot and payment of the required fees, due notice of such intended action having been given.

Correspondent Wait says:

> We query, whether in strictness, under the legislation of the Grand Encampment referred to, the candidate should not have resided within the jurisdiction of Northampton Commandery three full years after that legislation was enacted, before the latter Commandery could have gained lawful jurisdiction over him.

The peculiar circumstances attending the case warranted the action taken, nor was there, in our judgment, even a technical infringement of the law of the Grand Encampment. Grand Commander Shepley's action, on the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, was approved by Grand Commandery.

Brother Wait quotes from our report (1899) and commends our work as Correspondent. His personal reference moves us to say that we think there has been an improvement in the spirit and tone of Correspondence reports within recent years. There is little of the controversial disposition now in evidence, and in none of the writings of the current year do we notice aught of acrimonious discussion. Correspondence reports generally are characterized by the spirit of candor, intelligence, and good will; evidently they are prepared with a purpose of disseminating light and information. They represent something more than "knightly literary tournaments."

George L. McAllister, Manchester, was elected Grand Commander; Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Recorder; Albert S. Wait, Committee on Correspondence.

## New Jersey, 1901.

The Forty-third Annual Conclave, held in the city of Trenton, May 14, 1901, was well attended, and the meeting was one of special interest. All the Grand Officers were present, also fifteen Past Grand Commanders, twenty-one other permanent members, and the representatives of fourteen of the eighteen Commanderies comprising the jurisdiction. Several distinguished visitors were included in the attendance—among them Past Grand Commander Eli C. Birdsey, who represented the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on this occasion and was the recipient of fitting honors.

The Grand Commander, Sir W. B. Pugh, presented a minute and well-arranged report of his official acts, showing his administration to have been one of intelligent activity. He reports that all the Commanderies in the State have been officially visited, and have been found to be in a flourishing condition.

By reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder we glean the following items: Cash balance at last settlement, May, 1900, $1,196.38; receipts during the year, $1,309.25; disbursements, $1,110.46; balance in treasurer's hands, May, 1901, $1,395.17. Acknowledgment is made of the sum of $293.00, contributed for the relief of the Texas sufferers. The total membership reported one year ago was 1,868; present number, 1,941.

Mention is made of the reception, in a body, of the Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, in behalf of whom Grand Representative Register spoke as follows:

> *R. E. Grand Commander:*
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> In presenting ourselves as the Representatives of sister jurisdictions near this Grand Body, we come not as individuals, but as bearers of cordial greetings from the great Brotherhood of Templars throughout the United States, and with the privilege of expressing those ennobling sentiments that fill all hearts; for to appropriate everything in the field of Templarism that has in it the possibilities of good for the Order, is the mission of every true and faithful Knight. This sublime feeling is what we all hope for, and this prize is within the reach of all, and that the Fraters of New Jersey may enjoy it, in common with all valiant and magnanimous Knights throughout the land, is the earnest desire of the mighty host whom we have the honor to now represent.

The Grand Commander extended to the Representatives a very cordial welcome, and invited them to be seated in the East.

A vote was passed approving the formation of a new Commandery at East Orange, and authorizing the issue of a charter as recommended by the Committee on Charters.

Action was taken "to show love and esteem for our Past Grand Commander, Sir Albert D. Winfield," and it was voted that "the printed Proceedings of this Templar year be draped in mourning, by memorial and marginal borders on each and every page." The Proceedings in hand have the mourning tokens.

The thoughtful Report on Correspondence, by Past Grand Commander Peter McGill, held our attention during a careful reading of the paper. We were seated by the side of Correspondent McGill at the banquet given to the Guild, at the Pendennis Club, Louisville, on Thursday evening of Triennial week, and enjoyed the opportunity of interchanging thoughts and opinions on a variety of subjects of mutual interest.

The report in hand, which covers some one hundred pages, is wisely compounded, as a physician's prescription should be. It ranges from grave to gay, both in its selections and in the writer's comment on the same. He notices approvingly the last Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as shown in the printed transactions, and says:

> The reports of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer are most comprehensive, and show a most satisfactory condition of the Order in this large and vigorous jurisdiction. The address is of the same high order that always characterizes everything from Massachusetts; not much to excerpt, for very little out of the usual has occurred to refer to, but a most complete and painstaking record of the business of the year.

He is pleased with our report, and copies and endorses its "Conclusion."

Under Pennsylvania he has this suggestive paragraph:

> A resolution authorizing the formation of a Red Cross Corps, composed exclusively of Fraters of the jurisdiction who rejoice in the possession of the degree of Doctor of Medicine, was referred to the Committee of Jurisprudence, who decided it would be class legislation, and would be without precedent. So it was defeated. Perhaps if the resolution had been sufficiently comprehensive to allow some of the "boys" to carry the little it might have gone through. It was not such a bad idea, and something of this kind may be needed at Louisville in August, or in Philadelphia in September.

What does Correspondent McGill mean by the phrase, "carry a little?" Some of the "boys" are capable of carrying not only a little, but a good deal, if the occasion is one of urgency. Class organizations, within Masonic lines, are not much favored in this country, but in England there are many such restricted organizations. Perhaps the proposition, when next presented, may be made more comprehensive, according to Dr. McGill's suggestion, and so obtain favor in conservative Pennsylvania.

Joseph S. Davidson, Washington, was elected Grand Commander; Charles Bechtel, Trenton, Grand Recorder; Peter McGill was continued in the office of Correspondent.

## NEW YORK, 1900.

Steel engravings of the lamented Sir Knights — Grand Commander Charles E. Ide and Grand Recorder John F. Shafer — bring anew to our thought the mutability of human life. The helpful hands, the warm hearts, of these faithful Fraters are now stilled in death, though it seems but yesterday that their strength was sufficient for a brother's need, their presence gave inspiration, their voices rang out in words of cheer and comfort. The Grand Commandery of New York has been sorely bereaved. Its Committee on Necrology, through its chairman, our friend Rev. Dr. Cornelius L. Twing, presents a most fitting and graceful tribute to these and other Fraters who have passed beyond earth's vision during the twelvemonth. Referring to Sir Knights Ide and Shafer, the report says:

> The dual blow that has deprived us of a Grand Commander and Grand Recorder is sorely felt; our ranks show the marks of the conflict, and our hearts feel the loss we have sustained.

It was the Eighty-seventh Annual Conclave which was held, in Rochester, September 4 and 5, 1900. The Acting Grand Commander, Charles H. Armatage, presided and delivered an annual address containing a record of his official acts as well as of some dispensations granted by Grand Commander Ide.

Two of the dispensations granted by Sir Knight Armatage were to form new Commanderies, one at Patchoque, the other at Port Richmond, Staten Island.

A request for a dispensation, allowing the receiving of petitions, ballots and conferring of the order of the Red Cross on the same evening, was very properly refused.

We quote the following from the Grand Recorder's report:

> The growth of the Order indicates a healthy condition of activity among the Fraters of the State; the increase for the year being three hundred and nineteen, and the present membership 12,163.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $8,309.44.

Sir Jesse B. Anthony furnishes the Report on Correspondence, which occupies eighty-nine printed pages and shows careful preparation on the part of one who has a wide knowledge of Templary and an evident desire to serve its best interests. We quote from his preface:

> It is encouraging to note that Templary is flourishing in all Grand Jurisdictions, and especially pleasing to notice the absence of contention or grievance—a record of true Knightly spirit.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he alludes to Grand Commander Shepley's annual address, and says:

> He expressed his disapproval of mixed quartettes upon special occasions, and very correctly decided that "a Grand Commander had no power to grant a dispensation authorizing the *communication* of the orders to an elected Companion."

Under Iowa, Correspondent Anthony discusses a question to which we have previously referred. We agree with our Brother that the question is a "minor point." His words are:

> We shall not attempt to answer the conundrum proposed, "How a ball becomes Masonic, or a fair achieves that notable distinction." In our opinion it is one of those minor points of no earthly use to argue for or against. It is a fair inference that a reception and ball given under the auspices of a Commandery, as a Templar occasion, is sufficiently Masonic. And that a fair held by Masons for strictly Masonic purposes, was a Masonic occasion. This is a point upon which a liberal construction, within Masonic lines, is conducive of the best results.

Charles H. Armatage, Albany, was elected Grand Commander; Arthur MacArthur, Troy, was elected Grand Recorder; Jesse B. Anthony, Utica, was re-appointed Chairman, Committee on Correspondence.

### NORTH CAROLINA, 1901.

Representatives from the ten constituent Commanderies, with past and present officers and Grand Representatives, were in attendance at the opening of Grand Commandery, which held its Twenty-first Annual Conclave, in Greensboro, May 15, 1901. Massachusetts and Rhode Island was represented by Sir James K. Norfleet. Grand Commander William F. Randolph presided and delivered a comparatively brief address. Proper mention was made of the prompt assistance sent to aid in relieving distress in Galveston by the Sir Knights of North Carolina.

The death of Grand Recorder Horace H. Munson was alluded to in appropriate terms. Grand Commander Randolph truly says:

> Sir Knight Munson's figure is still potent for emulation—and throughout this jurisdiction and beyond it, the casual mention of his name will arouse murmured blessings.

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance on hand, April 8, 1901, of $454.86.

The Grand Recorder reports the total number of Sir Knights in the jurisdiction as three hundred and eighty-nine, April 1, 1901; a net gain of eleven for the Templar year.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir James Southgate, who is not unknown as a reviewer, having furnished such reports in previous years. Brother Southgate's willingness to serve the Order bespeaks his right conception of the principles of Templary. We quote his words:

> We have always been ready to serve in any position given us by the Fraternity, and for many years we have devoted our best efforts to the promotion of the Craft. This is our excuse for appearing as Correspondent this year, and with the hope that we have said something that will be of benefit, and will aid in disseminating the truth

as we find it in Templarism. We have been taught to love and revere it for the principles which it inculcates and the good it accomplishes.

Correspondent Southgate reviews the Proceedings, for 1900, of forty-one Grand Bodies. He expresses something of his own thought upon matters of Templar interest, and quotes significant paragraphs. He does not approve of the Christmas observance, principally because of the use of wine on these occasions. Under "California," he says:

> We have long advocated the abandonment of wine from our banquets, and, as a general rule, in North Carolina we have none. When we were the reporter for the Grand Commandery several years ago, one of our principal fights was on this question, and we were then considered a "crank" on the subject, and we are glad to see, in returning to this duty, that the subject of temperance is growing in this country, and that very many are doing away with the use of wine altogether, and even in our libations unfermented wines are being recommended.

While realizing the force of Frater Southgate's objection to the observance, and appreciating the fact that "every good thing is liable to abuse when carried to excess," we still think, in the words of our report for 1899, that, held within proper limits, and made use of according to what was the original intention, the Christmas toasts may be properly and pleasantly honored.

De Witt E. Allen, Charlotte, was elected Grand Commander; James C. Munds, Wilmington, was elected Grand Recorder; James Southgate, Durham, was re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

## OHIO, 1900.

It is a sumptuous volume of Proceedings which now awaits review. From "Præludium" to index there is much to interest and inform, while the typographical make-up fitly accords with the important matter thus compiled. The embossed and highly-colored covers are noticeable. Personally, we prefer the quiet tint, such as the Report of Correspondence wears when issued separately, but this is a matter of individual taste. A finely-executed portrait of Sir H. R. Bradbury, who was elected Grand Commander October 12, 1899, and who died March 10, 1900, follows the "Præludium." Well has it been said of this distinguish Frater:

> He was an honest man, a faithful husband, a wise and loving father, a loyal citizen, a sterling friend, a brave soldier, a spotless Knight.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Conclave was held, in Columbus, October 17 and 18, 1900. Deputy Grand Commander Arthur B. Foster presided and delivered an address reporting his official acts for the ten months following the death of the Grand Commander. Sir Knight Foster pays suitable tribute to the memory of Grand Commander Bradbury and reports the death of Sir B. F. Templeton, Grand Sword Bearer, of whom he says:

> Sir Knight Templeton's splendid physique and apparent robust manhood gave promise of a long and useful life, and he had endeared himself, whether as physician, friend, Brother, or Sir Knight, to all with whom he came in contact; but the unerring arrow of the fell destroyer reached the shining mark and cut off the noble life in the midst of its usefulness.

The Acting Grand Commander reports having constituted two new Commanderies—New Lexington, No. 57, and Kenton, No. 58. He also states that a dispensation was issued to establish another Commandery in Toledo. By subsequent action of the Grand Commandery a charter was granted to this organization, to be designated St. Omer Commandery, No. 59.

Under the heading "Statistics," the total membership in the jurisdiction, July 31, 1900, is reported as 8,945; "a gain of three hundred and thirteen, this being the largest annual gain since 1895." In this connection the following letter may appropriately appear:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., August 10, A. D. 1900.

*Em. John N. Bell, Grand Recorder:*

DEAR SIR AND FRATER:—I am very much pleased at the advance in numbers which the Ohio Templars have made. By next year you will be on the high road to the 10,000 mark, and a great live State like Ohio should soon reach it and stand shoulder to shoulder with Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Courteously yours,

R. H. LLOYD,

*Grand Master.*

The Grand Treasurer reports a total balance on hand in all funds, August 13, 1900, of $3,046.70.

An appropriation of $2,500 was made to the Masonic Home. The report of the work of this worthy institution is suggestive reading. We quote and endorse its conclusion:

> Another admirable feature is the admitting to the home of old Brothers and their wives (when they are needy), where they spend the evening of their days in peace and plenty, with no anxiety as to their daily bread. In short, the Masonic Home is the protector and educator of our orphan children, and a place of refuge for our aged and infirm, carrying into effect in its broadest sense the principal tenet of our Order—Charity.

Among the distinguished visitors at the Conclave were Sir George M. Moulton, now the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Sir William B. Melish, now its Grand Captain-General. To show that occasionally "a prophet has honor in his own country," we quote the following deserved tribute paid by the Committee on Visitors to our friend:

> We also welcome the presence of our own distinguished Frater, V. Em. Sir Knight Wm. B. Melish, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States, who, while "one of us," may always be classed as a visitor of distinction whom we delight to honor.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir John N. Bell, and is a document of interest and information. Brother Bell makes evident his intelligent reading of Proceedings, and gives thoughtful interpretation of Templar principles and practice.

He quotes Brother Callaham with reference to social events in Commandery life, of which the Kansas reviewer seems to think our lamented Frater, Sir Enoch Carson, wholly disapproved.

Correspondent Bell says:

> We cannot conceive why Brother Carson's position on the subject of admitting the ladies to the Asylums and Masonic Lodge-rooms, so long and strenuously maintained, and so often clearly expressed, should be so entirely misconstrued. Brother Carson was always in favor of the *social* feature. He believed in admitting the ladies on all social and proper occasions, and often so stated. He *was* bitterly opposed to *secret* meetings and societies whose membership comprised *both sexes*, and particularly was he antagonistic to *female Masonry*, so-called, because there is no such thing as female Freemasonry, and he regarded the Eastern Star as a delusion and a snare to the ladies who united therewith, with the idea or belief that they were thus gaining an entry into the great Fraternity of Free Masons.
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> We do not make the above quotations from Brother Carson's reports for the purpose of reviving the discussion of the merits or demerits of the Eastern Star. We have no wish to do so. Brother Carson's statements of facts regarding the origin of Androgynal Freemasonry have never been controverted, and we have nothing to add thereto; but we cannot permit false ideas and misconstructions of his position on the question to be promulgated without contradiction.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Correspondent Bell says that Grand Commander Shepley, in his annual address, was "severely condemnatory of the introduction of mixed quartettes in the work of conferring the Orders." Brother Bell writes that:

> We cannot see what possible harm is done by the use of elaborate music in conferring the orders, even if the performers and singers are not members of the Order, provided the necessary precautions are taken. In many of the Commanderies of this jurisdiction the practice is a common one, and the A. A. Scottish Rite have for many years availed themselves of the best musical talent obtainable in conferring the elaborate grades of the Rite, and we have yet to learn that anything but the good of the Order has resulted therefrom.

We refer the Ohio Correspondent to Sir E. G. De Lap's conclusion in the matter, which we reprint:

> Grand Commander Shepley thinks that "profane" singists should be excluded from the ceremonies of the Order, and his contention is proper and right. If the Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island can't sing, let the singing lapse.

Space forbids further mention of this acceptable report.

Arthur B. Foster, Cleveland, was elected Grand Commander; John Nelson Bell, Dayton, was re-elected Grand Recorder and re-appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

### Oklahoma, 1901.

It was the Sixth Annual Conclave which was held at Perry, April 10, 1901. Four of the constituent Commanderies were represented in the attendance. Grand Commander Harper S. Cunningham presided, and in the course of his annual address made the following optimistic prediction:

> I find that the Sir Knights who have been elected Eminent Commanders of the different Commanderies are men and Knights who exhibit intelligence and zeal, and I hope and believe that the current year will be productive of good results to our Order.

Grand Commander Cunningham granted a dispensation for the organization of Cyrene Commandery at Kingfisher; also one for a new Commandery at Pawnee. By vote of Grand Commandery charters were issued to both of these new Commanderies at the Annual Conclave.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand, April 9, 1901, of $433.91.

Sir Knight Cunningham, on behalf of the Scottish Rite Bodies located at Guthrie, tendered the Grand Commandery an invitation to make the Masonic Temple at Guthrie the permanent home of the Grand Commandery—offering them the use of the Temple for their meetings and room for their Grand Recorder's office free of charge as long as they choose to use it.

The generous offer was accepted, with thanks for the courtesy extended.

The Grand Commander's action in sending forward $100 to aid the Galveston sufferers was endorsed and a sum sufficient to balance the account appropriated from the treasury.

A portrait of the newly-elected Grand Commander is the frontispiece of the Proceedings.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Julius Cæsar Cross, Jr., Kingfisher, was elected Grand Commander; DeForest DeFrancis Leach, Oklahoma City, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

### Oregon, 1900.

Six constituent Commanderies with a membership of 463 Sir Knights make up the jurisdiction whose Proceedings are before us for review. Each of these Commanderies was represented at the Fourteenth Annual Conclave, held in the city of La Grande, September 27, 1900. Massachusetts and Rhode Island Representative, Sir F. A. Moore, was present. Grand Commander C. B. Winn presided and read his annual address. He commends the Christmas observance and reports correspondence concerning the Galveston disaster and the need of prompt aid for that afflicted community. Sir Knight Winn offers this encouraging statement:

> The reports of your Grand Recorder will show a splendid increase in the membership of our Order, indicating an active interest and zealous work in each of our subordinate Commanderies.

The petitions of Baker City and Pendleton, asking for the granting of charters to institute a new Commandery at each of these places, were referred to a special committee, whose report, as follows, was adopted:

> *Resolved*, That when the Fraters of Pendleton, petitioners for authority to open a new Commandery, place in the hands of our Grand Commander the necessary dimits or certificates of good standing, accompanied by the constitutional fee, the Grand Commander be authorized to issue to them the desired dispensation. That the matter of petition from Fraters of Baker City be postponed until next Grand Conclave, with urgent advice that meantime they, with their Brethren, continue to cultivate an increase of Masonic and Templar enthusiasm, to the end that at an early day the situation may be such as to justify the organization of a Commandery at that place.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $503.31, September 27, 1900.

The following amendment to the constitution, recommended by the Committee on Jurisprudence at the last Annual Conclave, was taken up and adopted:

> The following officers shall be elected by ballot, to wit: Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder. The Grand Prelate, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Warder, and Grand Captain of the Guard shall be appointed by the Grand Commander elect.

Sir J. M. Hodson furnishes another of his characteristic Reports on Correspondence. While not invariably agreeing with his conclusions, we appreciate his point of view and respect his opinions. He calls ours the "only Grand Commandery large enough to fill two States." He says that Grand Commander Shepley's annual address "is an able presentation of Templar affairs of his jurisdiction."

In discussing our words upon the Christmas observance, he writes:

> Personally, we have never been especially charmed with the custom, but have recognized that it was probably come to stay, hence have desired to see it so conducted that good and not evil should result, and the making of it a sacramental ceremony similar to libation service will certainly preserve it from corruption and abuse. We think the good sense of the Commanderies, their keen perception of the eternal fitness of things, will avoid any danger.

Under Maine, he approves the display of "Old Glory" in Asylum or on parade. His words are:

> Everybody knows that there is no such character as a disloyal Knight Templar in the nation, but there may be good, better, best; so there may be loyal, more loyal, most loyal. The flag in the Asylum or on parade is all right. It means that the whole is greater than any of its parts, and that its folds are wide enough to enfold the liberties of the world, and to this end it is destined. No prouder escort for the beauseant could enter the realms of the most vivid imagery.

We quote and would emphasize Brother Hodson's summing up of the whole matter:

> Our past is honorable and safe, our present hopeful and prosperous, and our future assured if we stand firmly by the underlying principles of our valiant and magnanimous Order. Remember, Fraters, the fittest survive, the weaklings perish. The inexorable laws of the Grand Architect of the universe prevail. Only those succeed who deserve success. Shall we continue to succeed?

Frank A. Moore, Salem, was elected Grand Commander; James F. Robinson, Eugene, was re-elected Grand Recorder; J. M. Hodson, Portland, was re-appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

## PENNSYLVANIA, 1901.

A fine portrait of Grand Commander Adam H. Schmehl prefaces the Proceedings just now in hand. The preliminary pages contain General Orders for the parade and review at Reading, May 28, 1901, which passed off successfully and to the delight of a large concourse of spectators.

The parade occupied the forenoon. The Grand Commandery met for business in the afternoon of the same day. The Annual Conclave was continued on May 29th, and on this date the more important business was transacted.

Just previous to the opening of Grand Commandery an address of welcome to the members was delivered by Hon. Adam H. Leader, mayor of the city of Reading, to whose eloquent greeting a fitting response was made by Past Grand Commander Sir James H. Codding. Both addresses find place in the Proceedings.

The roll-call showed that all the Grand Officers, with one exception, were in attendance, also ten Past Grand Commanders, delegates from each of the seventy-six allegiant Commanderies, and Representatives from twenty-three sister Grand Jurisdictions. Immediately after the devotional service, Grand Commander Schmehl read his annual report, setting forth, in a very clear and comprehensive manner, his official acts during the year.

Under the heading of "Dispensations Granted" he announces the issuance of eighteen permissive documents, all for good cause; under the heading of "Dispensations Refused," he reports his refusal to grant eight applications, the majority of these having reference to receiving petitions for the orders at Special Conclaves or shortening the time for ballot. We are glad to note that the Grand Commander had the courage of his convictions in passing upon these matters. He says:

> In one instance my refusal was seriously questioned, and an effort made to convince me of error. I then made a very thorough and detailed examination of this subject, and found it a rule wisely and firmly established by my distinguished predecessors, a course that I as firmly insisted upon.

Under "Decisions" he reports fourteen questions on mooted points, with his answers thereto. Only a few of these pertain to matters of importance or of general interest. The following belongs to the last-named class:

> *Question.* Can an objection be made to the conferring of the orders of Knighthood before the ballot is taken?
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> *Answer.* No. Title XXXIX, Petition for Orders, sec. 11, Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, Book of the Law, page 100, "An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases." The objection is made after ballot, Title XXXIII, sec. 1, Book of the Law, page 96. I decided the proceedings as irregular; that a ballot must be taken in accordance with sec. 11, due notice of the ballot to be given, at the same time advising the Sir Knight objecting, if he has an objection, to make it in accordance with the law.

We concur with the committee, to whom the Grand Commander's address was referred, that this decision goes too far. The committee says:

> The Grand Commander decided that no objection could be made to a petitioner prior to a ballot upon his petition. The argument in support of this position is of great weight, but your committee is of opinion that such limit may be prejudicial to an indefeasible right. We therefore report that an objection to a petition, by a lawful member of the Commandery holding jurisdiction, may be made at *any time* before the order of the Red Cross is conferred.

Grand Treasurer John J. Gilroy, in his report, gives the total receipts for the year, $17,049.37; total payments, $10,225.22; the balance on hand May 1, 1901, being $6,824.15. The payments include an appropriation of $500 to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania. The Grand Treasurer, in a special report, presents good showing of the generosity of the Pennsylvania Sir Knights, as called forth by the needs of stricken Galveston. He reports having received from the Commanderies the sum of $2,111.92, which contributions he forwarded to Sir Henry B. Stoddard, in accordance with the request of Grand Master Lloyd.

Grand Recorder W. W. Allen presents a summarized statement of the annual returns for the year ending April 30, 1901, from which we gather the following items of interest: Number of Commanderies, 76; membership, as last reported, 12,632; present membership, 13,288; showing a net gain of 656. Twelve Commanderies have lost in membership—all the others have gained, the least number being one and the largest seventy-two.

Past Grand Commander James H. Codding, who writes the report on Correspondence, prefaces his review as follows:

> It will not take the reader long to ascertain that the work this year has been done by an unpractised hand. Our chairman, Past Grand Commander Smith, who for some years performed this duty with so much ability, having planned a long pilgrimage abroad, found it impossible to fill his accustomed place. At his request, therefore, another member of the committee has done the work.

Frater Codding is courteous and considerate, but the "unpracticed hand" wields a vigorous pen, and his report is by no means a colorless paper. Under Kansas, replying to a suggestion that smoking is allowable in the Asylum "when there is only a business meeting and no orders to be conferred," he says:

> Any man who smokes at any Masonic assembly or meeting, duly opened under a lawful charter, is unfit to be there.

Under Ohio, he pays his respects to a "decision" announced by Acting Grand Commander Foster, at the Fifty-eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held October 17, 1901, in answer to the question, "Can a Generalissimo demit from his Commandery?" The Grand Commander replied, "Neither of the first three officers of a Commandery can resign after the installation. My view is, certainly, if he cannot resign, he cannot demit." Frater Codding makes the following comment:

> It would have been well to add to this that it is unlawful for any one holding a Templar office to die. We believe a Templar may be prohibited from resigning an office which he has taken upon himself, and are just as firmly of the opinion that any Templar in good standing can resign his membership at any time.

Reviewing Massachusetts and Rhode Island in a commendatory notice of several pages, he offers two or three suggestive statements. One of these has reference to the question of inspecting Commanderies, now receiving such general attention. "We are not sure," he says, "but that this matter can be easily overdone; too much attention may be just as bad as none at all." Quite true, but we have not yet swung over to the danger point.

He mildly criticises a form in General Orders. We quote as follows:

> The general orders were directed to be read at the head of each Commandery. We suppose this is to preserve the military character into which our Order is so largely immersed; but we think an order if read at the Recorder's desk, in open Commandery, would answer every purpose.

There is no differing opinion. The Recorder's desk has come to be considered the head of the line for the announcement of orders and the reading of official papers. In the same way we should meet his reference to our continued use of the word "pilgrimages," as applied to outings and vacation journeys. The word is technically incorrect as now applied—at least, the old meaning does not follow the modern usage—but the retention of the old word is not misleading. We all understand what constitutes a Templar "pilgrimage" of the twentieth century. Nevertheless, we do not like the present application of the word.

Correspondent Codding commends the reports of Grand Treasurer Upham and Grand Recorder Rowell. Of the latter he says, "his report contains a very large amount of statistical matter, some of which is exceedingly valuable."

Our work as reviewer is kindly noticed. He quotes approvingly our estimate of the value of Correspondence reports. In closing his readable paper, he says:

> Among the members of the Reportorial Corps we have found very few subjects leading to argument. There is a general disposition to place in retirement many opinions respecting jurisprudence and ritual, for the sake of the greater glory which comes from our closely united Order. While we are pleased always with judiciously manifested individuality, and may always learn something therefrom, yet it is perhaps best that Templarism should follow upon the course now so happily begun.

Thomas F. Penman, Scranton, was elected Grand Commander; William W. Allen, Philadelphia, Grand Recorder; Lee S. Smith, Pittsburg, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

## SOUTH DAKOTA, 1900.

The Sir Knights of this jurisdiction assembled in Annual Canclave, June 15, 1900, at Aberdeen. It was the seventeenth yearly session, and was marked by a large attendance of those entitled to seats in the Grand Body, and by the interested attention given to its deliberations. Grand Commander George V. Ayres, whose engraved portrait prefaces the printed Proceedings, presided over the Conclave, and read an annual address dealing with the progress of the Order in the jurisdiction represented and urging more of faithfulness and fervor among the supporters of Christian Knighthood. He reports having granted a dispensation for a new Commandery in the city of Vermillion. By vote of Grand Commandery a charter was granted Vermillion Commandery, on recommendation of the committee to which its application was referred.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury, June 15, 1900, of $1,027.39.

The Grand Recorder gives the total membership as seven hundred and fifty-six; a net decrease of seven for the Templar year. There are twelve Commanderies in the jurisdiction.

The *adoption* of the Correspondence Report was a feature of the session. Reviewer Coxe writes, concerning this matter, as follows:

> The record says that the report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented, and "being in printed form *was adopted* without reading." The italics are ours, and indicate an unusual procedure. With us the report is accepted, but the writer thereof alone is responsible for the same.

In our jurisdiction the report is presented in complete form, and the printing of it with the Proceedings ordered. The writer's opinions may or may not be endorsed by the Grand Body, but the report is officially acknowledged, and thus brought to the notice of the Sir Knights to whom the Correspondent's review is specially addressed. The author of such a report must of necessity be responsible for the opinions it contains, and for the selection of its matter. The Grand Commandery has no responsibility except what is involved in the appointment of the Correspondent.

South Dakota's Report on Correspondence is by Sir Samuel Henry Jumper, and is his fifth annual paper of that ilk. There is much to quote and little to question in the report, which its writer says was mostly written "during hours stolen from sleep," but which bears no evidence of the author's weariness.

He approves the Christmas observance in these words:

> We anxiously look forward to the coming of each succeeding Christmas with pleasure, not only for the joys and pleasures it brings outside the Order, but for the enjoyment and benefit we receive around the Knightly altar.

He thinks that Templar Correspondents are the poorest paid class of people in the world. Let us remember that New York pays its Correspondent five hundred dollars, Brother Reviewer, though perhaps this is the exception which proves the rule. We, of the Guild, however, do not write merely for pecuniary gain or for fame, but for love of the Order and a desire to advance its interests. Reward comes from the consciousness of honest endeavor and through the fellowship and associations which a Correspondent is privileged to enjoy. His "perquisites" are large.

The Proceedings of our home jurisdiction are reviewed at length, and the address of Grand Commander Shepley is pronounced "ably written." The Correspondent does not altogether approve Sir Knight Shepley's words condemning the practice of employing "outside" talent to render music for the ritual. Our allusion to the subject in last year's report evidently escaped our Frater's notice, for he says:

> This is the first time we have seen the subject mentioned in Correspondence. We have been present at the conferring of the orders when such music and singing has been introduced in an adjoining room and have thought it added much to the impressiveness of the work. We are not prepared to say it shall not be done.

Eugene W. Coughran, Sioux Falls, was elected Grand Commander; George A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, was re-elected Grand Recorder; Samuel H. Jumper, Aberdeen, was re-elected Correspondent.

## TENNESSEE, 1901.

The Masonic Temple at Chattanooga is portrayed on the first page of the Proceedings in hand. The picture of Sir William T. Hope, Grand Commander for the current Templar year, appears on the opposite page. The word "Prefatory" introduces an account of the formal welcome given Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery previous to the opening of the Thirty-ninth Annual Conclave, held in Masonic Temple, Chattanooga, May 22 and 23, 1901.

All but one of the sixteen constituent Commanderies were represented in the attendance, which also included five Past Grand Commanders and twenty-four Past Eminent Commanders. Grand Commander Robert R. Freeman presided. An innovation was introduced by Sir Knight Freeman, who presented a part of his annual address in verse. His official acts, reported in prose, were of local import.

The balance in the treasury, as reported May 22, 1901, is $246.45.

The Grand Recorder's returns show a gain of six in the total membership of the jurisdiction, The number of Sir Knights now enrolled is 1,001.

With sorrow we chronicle a vacancy in the ranks of Correspondents, caused by the death of Sir George H. Morgan, who furnished last year's Report on Correspondence for Tennessee. This honored Frater died July 27, 1900. "The rare sweetness of his disposition and manner, the purity of his life, and his steadfast devotion to duty, won the love and respect of all who met him."

We greet the new Correspondent, Sir Henry H. Ingersoll, whose work as reviewer for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Tennessee is favorably known.

In his introduction he says that, as writer of Correspondence for the Grand Commandery, he has the feeling that his liberty of speech is somewhat abridged, for, to quote his words, "the Grand Commandery is, at best, only a subaltern, and your Correspondent feels that he is *sub modo* a servant of the Grand Encampment, one of a corps of Correspondents writing under it, if not for it." Frater Ingersoll does not seem to be greatly embarrassed, however, by the limitation to which he refers; he finds much to dissent from in the Proceedings reviewed, and corrects with spirit certain so-called errors in the interpretation and administration of Templary.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island he commends the Proceedings of 1900, both as regards appearance and contents. "The pamphlet opens," he says, "with a fine steel engraving of Sir Herbert F. Morse, Grand Commander, whose classical, clerical face Jonathan Edwards might have envied, and whose address gives token of culture and care worthy of the Old Bay State."

Before his scrutiny is over he finds himself obliged to enter a mild protest. He says:

> It is a graceless function to criticise Massachusetts English, but we do not remember ever before to have seen our Heavenly Father called "The Grand Commander above," as occurs in the annual address; and we mildly protest that it is a term too local and special to be employed for such a sublime use.

There is some force in the criticism, albeit the term was evidently applied with most reverent thought and feeling. Jesus our Lord is denominated the "Great Captain of our Salvation," and there is no thought of the military term in its local and limited application. But the phrase "Great Captain" is familiar, while "Grand Commander above" sounds new and strange.

Another point is made, viz.:

> Our Yankee friends persist in the fashion of ordering the titles of their Prelates "Sir Reverend," instead of "Reverend Sir" which is the accepted and classical order of our English cousins, who take pains and pride in observing proper form.

"Reverend Sir" trips more easily from the tongue. It is the old time form; but there is sanction for the transposition in the usage of Templar Bodies, other than the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Grand Encampment officially designates its Prelates by the prefix "Sir Knight Rev.," and some of the well-known writers on Templar matters follow the same form.

Correspondent Ingersoll presents several extracts from our last year's review. He makes kindly reference to the present writer, and to the work he has done as a writer of Correspondence for Masonic Bodies. We reciprocate his expressions of good will; we reach out to him the hand of welcome to the Guild, whose members, while not always in accord as regards "measures and methods," are yet pervaded by that "Fellow-feeling which makes us wondrous kind."

William Theodore Hope, Chattanooga, was elected Grand Commander; John Berry Garrett, Nashville, Grand Recorder. There is no announcement of Correspondent, but we assume that the reviewer of this year was re-appointed.

## Texas, 1901.

The Proceedings contain the record of a Special Conclave, held at Sherman, February 5, 1901, when the body of the Grand Prelate, Rev. Dr. John C. Carpenter, was laid in the grave. It has been truly said of this faithful officer and warm-hearted Sir Knight, that:

> Both by precept and example he taught the doctrine that "God is love."
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> His yearly addresses—poems in prose—to the Grand Commandery, breathed in every line his love of God and his fellow-man.

The picture of the deceased Frater forms the frontispiece of the Proceedings. Grand Commander Howard's portrait is also found in the volume, which contains the transactions of the Grand Commandery at its Forty-eight Annual Conclave, held in Galveston, April 17 and 18, 1901. The public ceremonies of welcome to the city included eloquent addresses and appropriate music. Twenty-three constituent Commanderies were represented at the opening of Grand Commandery, and the Grand Officers, with two exceptions, were in their respective stations. Six Past Grand Commanders were present. Sir John C. Kidd, representing Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of Texas, was also present. Grand Commander Howard alluded at length to the Galveston disaster of September 8, 1900. We quote:

> The generosity of Templars, however, was shown in this, their hour of need, and from all Texas and throughout this broad land, offers of help were given, and contributions soon poured in, accompanied with loving words of comfort and cheer. That beloved Sir Knight, R. E. Sir H. B. Stoddard, was among the first to reach the island, and worked day and night for the relief of those in distress. Too much praise cannot be given him for his noble work, and we trust that our grateful and appreciative members will do him the honor of appearing at Louisville next August, at the Triennial Conclave, and be present at his induction into the chair of Grand Master of Templars of the United States. No Sir Knight more richly deserves this honor, and every Texas Sir Knight will feel honored at seeing him thus honored.

Sir Knight Howard reports the constituting of McKinney Commandery, in the city of McKinney, June 8, 1900.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand, general fund, April 17, 1900, of $1,630.75; also a balance on hand, Triennial fund, of $1,500.

The Grand Recorder states that the total disbursements which passed through his hands in aid of the Galveston storm sufferers amounted to $1,090.

The Committee on Returns report a total membership in the jurisdiction of 2,270 Sir Knights, January, 1901—a net gain of one hundred and eighteen for the Templar year.

A fine picture of General Henry B. Stoddard, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, together with a biographical sketch, is presented. Grand Master Stoddard was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas in 1880, and is both popular and influential in his home jurisdiction. On his return from the Louisville Triennial he was tendered a public reception, and received the warm congratulations of the Sir Knights in the "Lone Star" State.

A most carefully prepared table of statistics, giving items of interest as regards the work and condition of the constituent Commanderies, is presented as an insert to the Proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is signed by Sir Knights Robert M. Elgin and R. O. Rounsavall. As explanatory of their work we cannot do better than to give the words of Sir Knight Elgin, in response to the following paragraph in General Smith's report of a year ago. The Illinois Correspondent says of the Texas Proceedings:

> And then we have seventy pages of correspondence, a part of which is from the pen of Sir Knight Robert M. Elgin's apt pupil, whose apology for any supposed shortcomings is unnecessary. Sir Robert has earned a rest, and we are so pleased to know that he has so able a successor as Sir Knight R. O. Rounsavall.

Brother Elgin replies:

> Sir Knight Smith has the thanks of the senior member of the committee. But he cannot say how Sir Knight Rounsavall will take the intended compliment. Having for some years followed the pro-

fession of *teacher*, he may not care to be considered a *pupil*. In fact, he is our esteemed and much appreciated assistant. This work seems to be more arduous as we grow older. We do not write with the same facility that we formerly did, and get fonder of ease and rest. It may be we are getting more lazy. Sir Knight Rounsavall, at our earnest request, consented to help us out, and it is more than gratifying to know he has the commendation of such members of the guild as he who writes the report for Illinois.

The Correspondent has a friendly feeling for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and expresses the hope "that we will be able soon to form the acquaintance of some of these valiant knights, whose fame for deeds of exalted usefulness has spread far and wide." May we meet the Correspondents from Texas more frequently, and strengthen the ties of fraternal regard. We thank Correspondent Elgin for his alliterative compliment. He calls our report "frank, full and fair." May we and the home jurisdiction continue to stand well in his esteem.

Frederic M. Gilbough, Galveston, was elected Grand Commander; John C. Kidd, Houston, was re-elected Grand Recorder; R. M. Elgin, Houston, was re-appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

### VERMONT, 1901.

The pamphlet of Proceedings attracts notice by the bright color in which it is dressed, typical of the Green Mountain State. It is adorned by an engraved portrait of Grand Commander Daniel N. Nicholson, which forms the frontispiece. A biographical sketch, of some eight pages, follows the portrait. The pamphlet contains about two hundred pages of well-arranged, clearly-printed matter, which amply repaid our careful reading.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Conclave was held in Burlington, June 11, 1901. All the Grand Officers were present, also eleven Past Grand Commanders, and a representative from each of the twelve Commanderies comprising the jurisdiction. Among the Grand Representatives in attendance we note the name of Wm. H. S. Whitcomb, who represents Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Grand Commander's annual address makes evident the fact that he had been diligent in the discharge of the duties of his office. Under "Decisions," he reports as follows:

> I am happy to say that I have not been asked, officially, a single question relative to Masonic law, written or unwritten, and so it follows that I have not made any decisions. It may well be said of the Sir Knights of Vermont, that they not only "know the law but abide by it."

He emphasizes the distinctive character and purposes of the Templar, in the following timely words:

> If mirth and wit will help men to cast aside trouble and worry, we should certainly use them. If humor holds the key to the prison-house in which the soul lies languishing, by all means use it, unlock the door, and let the soul out into the bright sunlight of truth and happiness; but let us not distort the principles of Christianity as taught in this great, magnanimous Order, by making them a prerequisite and stepping-stone to nonsense and frivolity; there is not in the thought or conception of man anything so absurd as to contrast trifling matters with the teachings of Christ in respect to Christian life. We must understand that the development of Christianity, as taught in this Grand Order, is something more than a diffusion of a knowledge of its history, its organization, and its ordinances. These are simply tools; the growth of Christianity, for which Knight Templars are responsible so far as their abilities permit, means nothing less than to develop the fruits of the spirit in the human soul. It is to bring our Fraters, and mankind in general, up into a higher and nobler realm of religious experiences, and to generate spiritual forces in the souls of men individually. Beloved Sir Knights, let us not forget our duties in these respects.

Grand Recorder Warren G. Reynolds, in his report, states that the total number of members last year was 1,697—present membership, 1,766; net gain, sixty-nine.

Grand Treasurer Edw. V. Ross reports a balance on hand of $1,265.57. The expenditures for the year included the sum of $100 sent to the Galveston sufferers by order of the Grand Commander. His action was approved by the Grand Commandery.

Two matters of proposed legislation were considered, but not decided, viz.: the making of the procurement of a uniform compulsory, and the providing for the official inspection of Commanderies. These subjects were referred to committees to report next year.

The Report on Correspondence, from the pen of Sir Kittredge Haskins, occupies eighty-four closely-printed pages. That it is an able and suggestive paper, goes without saying. The comments and the selections have significance.

Reviewing Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he notes the many evidences which show the Order in our home jurisdiction "to be in an exceedingly prosperous and healthy condition." Referring to our Correspondence Report of last year, Frater Haskins says: "He does not always agree with other members of the Guild, and perhaps it is well that he does not. At any rate we have always found him an interesting writer, and thoroughly enjoy reading his reports." We are complimented by Frater Haskins's reproduction of several paragraphs which appeared in our last year's review.

Under California, he calls attention to the law there in force, prohibiting the receiving of a petition for the orders from a saloon-keeper or bar-tender, and makes this sharp hit:

> If our Fratres of California do not desire to assist in the consumption of the wines which are manufactured in that State in large quantities, why don't they insist upon the passage of a State law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of wines altogether? Up here in Vermont we are not troubled with that kind of beverage, except when someone receives an invoice of California wine to be distributed contrary to law. As we have stated in our former reports, the only liquids we can procure for use at the banquet table are coffee and the pure water that flows from our mountain springs. As long as you permit its manufacture, your people certainly ought to be compelled to share in its consumption.

In his Conclusion he expresses his dissent from the action of the Grand Encampment taken at Pittsburg, pertaining to non-affiliation in Lodge and Chapter, as construed by Grand Master Lloyd, affirming that the decision is "radically wrong and cannot be justified." He hoped for the repeal of the law; but the sentiment at Louisville was adverse thereto.

Daniel Payson, Windsor, was elected Grand Commander; Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Recorder; Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

### VIRGINIA, 1900.

Grand Commander Buchanan states, in his annual address, that "there has been more than usual activity" in his jurisdiction during the past year, and that the net gain in membership is one hundred and fifty for the twelvemonth under review. The statistical table gives the total number of Sir Knights in the twenty-one constituent Commanderies as 1,638.

The portrait of Grand Commander Benjamin F. Buchanan greets the reviewer as he opens the Proceedings which contain the transactions of the Grand Commandery of Virginia at its Seventy-eighth Annual Conclave, held in Richmond, November 15, 1900.

The Grand Commander reports the issuing of a dispensation for a new Commandery at Norton. A charter was granted this organization, to be known as Cyrene Commandery, No. 21, by vote of the Grand Body. Sir Knight Buchanan says:

> This new Commandery is located in the extreme southwestern portion of our State, where marvelous strides are being made in industrial and commercial development, and, in my view, will prove a valuable acquisition to this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander approves the Christmas ceremonial, and recommends that "this beautiful and appropriate Templar custom be universally observed."

He alludes to the Virginia Masonic Home in these words:

> This great Masonic charity is the proudest monument of our work. The report of the committee will give you, in detail, information as to the institution. Its future success should be, and must be, the object of our most solicitous care.

Sir Knight Buchanan recommends the preparation of a printed constitution for the government of the Grand Commandery and its constituent Commanderies. A Committee on Constitution was appointed.

Another recommendation is as follows:

> I observe in the Proceedings of most of our sister Grand Jurisdictions that one of the most interesting features is the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. I am not advised why we never had such a committee. I would suggest that one be appointed, and that its reports be published in our printed Proceedings.

The suggestion was endorsed; the report ordered printed and bound with the Proceedings. We do not, however, find appointment of a Committee on Correspondence in the records.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $115.31.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

J. E. Alexander, Alexandria, was elected Grand Commander; James B. Blanks, Petersburg, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

### WEST VIRGINIA, 1901.

There being a constitutional number of Grand Officers, permanent members, and representatives from the several Commanderies in the jurisdiction, present, the Grand Commandery was opened in the city of Martinsburg, at noon, Wednesday, May 8, 1901. It was the Twenty-seventh Annual Conclave. The Grand Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of West Virginia, Sir Hugh Sterling, was in attendance. The above-named Frater also ably filled the office of Grand Inspector. We learn from the Report on Doings of Grand Officers that "his duties were suspended during the year now ended by his own request, but he was, by the terms of the resolution at the last Annual Conclave, retained in office to perform its duties to the end of his term, and to continue his inspections this year as heretofore."

Grand Commander Frank H. Markell presided and delivered a brief address. He reports having granted a dispensation for the forming of a new Commandery at Sistersville, to be known as Mountain State Commandery. He also announces the constitution of Clarksburg Commandery, No. 13, in the city of Clarksburg.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand, May 8, 1901, of $351.90.

The Grand Recorder gives a tabulated statement of returns from the constituent Commanderies, showing the total membership to be 1,333, a net gain of one hundred and thirty-four for the Templar year.

We quote the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, and commend this form of memorial tribute, while we gratefully remember the worth and works of our esteemed friend, Sir Knight Long:

> *Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery, as a tribute to the memory of the late Rt. Em. Sir Odel S. Long, and in testimony of its appreciation of the zeal which for most all the years of his life he manifested in behalf of this valiant and magnanimous Order, do hereby most cordially request Miss Mary Long, his daughter and only child, and Miss Kate Long, his sister, to be the guests of this Grand Commandery at the Triennial Encampment, to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in August next.

The Report on Correspondence is a document of one hundred and thirty-four printed pages. It is the work of Sir W. W. Van Winkle, who is careful in review and candid in statement. We quote his modest "Conclusion." His record of obstacles will fit the case of many a brother reviewer:

> Again the last milestone has been reached in a journey in which many obstables were encountered, and pursuing it our personal comfort was sacrificed. We were obliged to write hurriedly, as we could snatch time during the past thirty days, mostly at night when sleep should have been our right. We are satisfied many errors have crept in, and that our occasional comments are open to criticism, for which we ask charitable judgment, feeling satisfied if we have succeeded in a limited measure in presenting matter interesting, readable, or instructive to our Fraters for whom we specially write.

The Correspondent occupies five and a half printed pages in reviewing the Proceedings of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He praises Grand Recorder B. W. Rowell's statistical tables, and, incidentally, commends the *fac simile* of his signature. He calls the report of Sir James H. Upham, Grand Treasurer, an "admirable" one. He approves the decisions of the Grand Commander, and would like, if space permitted, to notice the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. He quotes liberally from the Report on Correspondence, and is pleased to give a kindly word of appreciation to his comrade of the pen. Such fraternal expression gives the reviewer new courage for his work, which brings him into touch with so many loyal and true-hearted soldiers of the cross.

John K. F. Steele, Keystone, was elected Grand Commander; Robert C. Dunnington, Fairmont, was re-elected Grand Recorder; W. W. Van Winkle, Parkersburg, was reappointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

## WISCONSIN, 1900.

Wisconsin issues voluminous Proceedings, well edited and pleasing in appearance. The Forty-second Annual Conclave was held in Milwaukee, October 9 and 10, 1900. There was a large attendance of Grand Officers, permanent members, and representatives from the constituent Commanderies. Grand Commander L. A. Bishop presided and read an annual address which, with accompanying papers, occupies twenty-eight pages of the Proceedings. Appropriate allusion is first made to the death of Sir John W. Laflin, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery for seventeen years. We referred, in our last report, to the death of this honored Sir Knight, and paid tribute to his memory. We find space, however, to echo the Grand Commander's words concerning Brother Laflin:

> None knew him but to love him, none did business with him but to respect him, none questioned his honor, his integrity, or his fraternal affection.

Grand Commander Bishop reports his appointment of Sir George H. Francis to fill the unexpired term of Grand Recorder Laflin.

A new Commandery was constituted, as stated in the address, October 27, 1899. Its designation is Appleton Commandery, No. 29.

Sir Knight Bishop reports having visited every Commandery in the State during the official year, "some of them twice." He urges the advisability of taking steps to "secure a more uniform arrangement of plans for the Asylums of this Grand Jurisdiction," and his suggestion led to the adoption, by Grand Commandery, of the following report submitted by the Special Committee on Asylums:

> Your special Committee on Asylums would recommend that the matter be referred to the trustees of this Grand Commandery, with power to procure such model plans of an Asylum, to be kept on file at the office of the Grand Recorder, as in their judgment is for the best interest of the jurisdiction; and that Commanderies building and remodeling their Asylums be requested to submit their plans to the trustees of this Grand Commandery, to the end that a greater degree of uniformity be obtained.

From the Grand Recorder's report we learn that the present membership of the jurisdiction is 3,149 Sir Knights, a net gain of twenty-four for the Templar year.

The Treasurer's accounts, as presented, show a balance on hand, October, 1900, of $3,277.69.

Sir William C. Swain presents his eighteenth annual Report on Correspondence. In his preface he alludes with feeling to his deceased friends and associates, Grand Recorder Laflin and Correspondent Ruckle, both of whom began service in their respective official positions in the same year that Brother Swain presented his first report as Correspondent. He is reminded, as we all are so frequently, that "To the past go more dead faces, every year."

The report shows all the enthusiasm of a new-comer to the Guild, all the vigor of a practiced reviewer, and all the experience of a veteran Correspondent. Needless to say, it is entertaining and instructive.

Sir Knight Swain makes frequent reference to the Christmas observance. Under Iowa, he notes Brother Coxe's objection to the "glorification of wine," in connection with the ceremonial, and says:

> We are decidedly opposed to curtailing anyone's liberty to decline the wine at this or any other time, or to pledge in cold water, coffee, or postum cereal. But we think all the symbolism attached to substitutes for wine is what is given by the participant, while from custom coming down to us from a very remote past, wine is symbolic in itself, and the fact that it is abused does not destroy the symbolism.

We have previously expressed our opinion upon the use of wine at the Christmas observance. We certainly agree with Brother Swain in differentiating between "temperance" and "prohibition." We do not, however, see the necessity, because of its *symbolic* import, of requiring the use of wine at the Christmas ceremonial. But, whether we pledge the Grand Master in wine or water, we think, with Frater Swain, that "there is something of sentiment in knowing that we are standing up at the same moment with thousands of our Brothers all over the country, and even beyond."

Past Grand Master Lloyd sensibly sums up the whole matter in his report presented at the Louisville Triennial. He says:

> It has also been said it leads men into temptation. It seems to me that there is little merit in this last objection. It is not required that the toast should be drunk in wine, or any kind of liquor. I have participated on numerous occasions, and yet I never drank any wine or liquor of any kind in my life. I hear you say: "Oh, yes, you did, at least once." No, my Brethren, I did not. I touched my lips to it; which was held to be sufficient at that time. But though I am a total abstainer, I do not condemn others for drinking, to a moderate extent. I think moderation in everything is a good rule. Except for those who cannot take one glass without taking two; they should never take the first.
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> Everything bringing Templars in friendly intercourse, tends to strengthen the ties that bind them together. I know of no higher Knightly purpose, nor a more commendable one for which Templars could meet, than to commemorate, on the anniversary, the coming of our Savior. I am, therefore, in favor of the continuance of the observance.

C. A. Lamoreaux, Ashland, was elected Grand Commander; W. W. Perry, Milwaukee, was elected Grand Recorder; William C. Swain, Milwaukee, was re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

## Wyoming, 1901.

The pamphlet before us, in its unassuming garb of gray, is well bound and clearly printed. Among its contents are the portraits of Sir Jethro T. Holliday, Grand Commander, 1900–1901; and of Sir William H. Smith, Grand Commander in 1888.

The Fourteenth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was held in Rawlins, April 10, 1901. Six of the eight constituent Commanderies were represented in the attendance. Grand Commander Jethro T. Holliday presided. His address conveys the impression that prosperity attends the Order throughout this jurisdiction.

Grand Recorder John C. Baird having been appointed U. S. Attorney for Hawaii soon after the Annual Conclave of last year, Sir Adrian J. Parshall was appointed to fill the vacancy. The Grand Recorder's report contains the following deserved tribute to Sir Knight Baird:

> The experience, extensive knowledge on Masonic matters, and untiring energy of the Sir Knight have, perhaps, done more than the efforts of any other member of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming, in raising our standard of Masonic excellence to a point where we receive recognition for merit, and favorable mention from critics of sister jurisdictions.

The balance in the treasury, April 10, 1901, as reported by the Grand Treasurer, was $1,195.71.

There are 392 Sir Knights in the eight Commanderies of the jurisdiction, a gain of eleven over the total membership as reported a year ago.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

We have alluded to Sir Knight Baird's federal appointment, which, by his removal of residence to Hawaii, necessitated his resignation as Grand Recorder, and also as Committee on Correspondence, of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming. We miss the reading of another annual report by Sir Knight Baird, and regret his enforced retirement from the "Guild." We may make our own the words of the present Grand Recorder concerning Brother Baird, and say:

His absence will be noted, kind words will be spoken of him, and the best wishes of those with whom he has served so long will go out to him with hopes that fortunate circumstances may bring him back, in the not far distant future, to again fill the chair left vacant.

T. Sedden Taliaferro, Evanston, was elected Grand Commander; Adrian J. Parshall, Laramie, was elected Grand Recorder; Jesse Knight was appointed chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

### The Grand Encampment.

The Triennial of 1901, at Louisville, has passed into history. It was crowned with success, despite the gloomy suggestions that were made in consequence of the place and time of meeting. There was a numerous attendance of Sir Knights and visitors from all sections of the country. The decorations and display were ample; the weather was fine, and a most attractive as well as impressive spectacle was presented.

Louisville appeared at its best. It wore a gala look through Conclave week as it gave hearty welcome to each incoming Commandery and to all visitors. It is pleasant to remark upon the general interest shown in the Triennial gathering, not only by the Sir Knights of the city and State, but by citizens generally. The hospitality manifested was even beyond our anticipation, albeit we expected much in this regard from a people who are proverbial for their courtesy and their large-heartedness. Our hosts at Louisville left nothing undone to insure the comfort of their guests and make them welcome.

The arrangements, as directed by committees representing the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, were wisely planned and executed. The details were carefully looked after, and there was a most orderly and satisfying course of procedure from first to last. General John H. Leathers, Grand Marshall, was the right man in the right place, directing matters, through his competent staff, with military precision, always on the alert, ever courteous and kind; so making expression of the qualities which belong to the true soldier and the true gentleman. In this connection, with like approving words, would we refer to Colonel Charles C. Vogt, who, as chairman of the executive committee, was called to discharge so many and such varied duties. We are sure that all who came in contact with him will recall his assiduous attentions toward visitors and friends. These Sir Knights had the support of their associates on committees, of the local Commanderies, and of numerous others, in carrying out the well-devised arrangements. Their work was well done.

Conclave week may be said to have begun on Saturday, when there were movements and functions of an official character, and when the presence of Grand Master Lloyd and of other officers of the Grand Encampment was announced. On Sunday the Grand Master and the officers and members of the Grand Encampment were escorted to the Broadway Methodist Church, where appropriate services were held, conducted by the Grand Prelate, Rev. Dr. Coxe, of Iowa. He delivered an able and timely discourse from the text, "What think ye of Christ?"

On Monday evening the festivities of the week may be said to have been inaugurated at the headquarters of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, established temporarily at the Louisville Custom House. Here the first reception by that Grand Body, complimentary to the Grand Master, officers, and members of the Grand Encampment, with accompanying ladies, was held. The occasion was memorable by reason of its gracious greeting and its lavish hospitality. Sir Henry T. Jefferson, Grand Commander of Kentucky, long and justly prominent as a Mason and Knight Templar, delivered a brief address of welcome, which was happily responded to by Grand Master Lloyd.

Tuesday was the day of parade. Thousands of Sir Knights in full uniform, with numerous bands of music, marched through the finely-decorated streets of Louisville, meeting the cheers of the enthusiastic onlookers all along the way. The first division of the parade was under direction of the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, whose staff included a number of prominent Knights of the same jurisdiction. But we must not particularize. We make no attempt to describe the parade. It was an impressive as well as an attractive spectacle. As we looked upon the Commanderies passing in review before the Grand Master—the Templar banner and our country's flag so frequently appearing side by side—we could but think of the moral force thus represented, and rejoice that our beloved Order stands for good citizenship and for Christian righteousness.

It was late in the afternoon of Tuesday when the Grand Encampment convened. The public were admitted to the preliminary exercises, including music and addresses. A welcome was extended on the part of the State by Judge Barker, of Louisville, representing Gov. Beckham, who was kept away by the serious illness of his wife; another greeting was given by Mayor Weaver, of Louisville, who presented to the Grand Master a symbolic key to the city. Hon. W. C. P. Breckenridge delivered an address of welcome, as representing the Sir Knights of the city and State. Grand Master Lloyd made reply to the addresses, and then followed the ceremonies attending the opening of the Twenty-eighth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

Grand Master Reuben H. Lloyd presented his address, in print, on the second day. He reported the Order to be in a very satisfactory condition and steadily growing. He announced his official acts, including "Decisions" and "Dispensations," and closed with earnest words of timely exhortation.

The report of the Grand Treasurer, H. Wales Lines, showed receipts of $11,069 and cash resources of $47,236.

The report of the Grand Recorder, Wm. H. Mayo, contained these figures: Net gain in membership in 1899, 2,444; in 1900, 2,308; in 1901, 4,304, the year ending July 1. There are at present 1,059 Commanderies, with a membership of 125,108. The States having more than 2,000 are as follows: California, 3,556; Connecticut, 2,696; Illinois, 9,587; Indiana, 3,767; Iowa, 4,378; Kansas, 3,361; Kentucky, 2,395; Maine, 3,590; Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 13,112; Michigan, 5,880; Minnesota, 2,739; Mississippi and Missouri, 4,606; New Hampshire, 2,234; New York, 12,163; Ohio, 8,545; Pennsylvania, 13,238; Texas, 2,270; Wisconsin, 3,149.

Many suggestive reports were presented; but, as the Proceedings are not in print, we refrain from extended comment. On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence the decisions of Grand Master Lloyd were approved, including his interpretation of the legislation, at Pittsburg, pertaining to dependent membership.

The Grand Encampment voted to increase the annual *per capita* tax from three to five cents. It endorsed the Christmas observance. It decided to hold the next Triennial, 1904, in San Francisco, the date fixed being the second Tuesday in September. We make no attempt to set forth or remark upon the legislation at Louisville. The Grand Body was in session only on three days. The members attended to business, however, and the full measure of time was filled out at each sitting.

There were present at the Conclave some three hundred members. Past Grand Masters Hopkins, Withers, Gobin, McCurdy, and Thomas, who have endeared themselves to the Order by long and faithful service, were in attendance. Some have "passed on" who were prominent in the deliberations at Pittsburg; some, alike prominent and active, and usually present, were detained at their homes for one cause or another. New members appeared on the floor and became factors of influence. The election resulted in some changes. Sir Knight W. H. Mayo retires from the office of Grand Recorder and Sir Knight John A. Gerow takes his place. In most cases the officers elect were chosen with substantial unanimity. Sir Knight Henry B. Stoddard, of Bryan, Texas, was elected Grand Master, and was inducted into office, as were the other elected and appointed Grand Officers, by the retiring Grand Master.

There were many receptions and social functions connected with the Louisville Triennial, and in some of these the present writer was privileged to participate. We would refer specially to only one such occasion, the meeting of the past and present Templar Correspondents at the Pendennis Club, on the evening of Thursday, August 29th. At this fifth Triennial meeting some twenty-five members of the Guild gathered about the beautifully decorated table, to pass judgment upon the "menu," arranged, no doubt, with the advice of Frater Woodruff, who was in a special sense our honored host. It was a sumptuous, well-served banquet which claimed the attention of the goodly company who touched elbows and hearts on that pleasant evening. Hon. James H. Hopkins, Regent, presided in his own graceful and gracious manner. The vice-Regent, General John C. Smith, made the principal address. It was not an occasion for much speech-making—at least, not up to the hour of our leaving—but the good fellowship and the good cheer of the evening had full recognition. Washington, Denver, Boston, Pittsburg, Louisville—these five re-unions—are they not all inscribed in the Book of Remembrance?

Do we linger yet a moment, recalling the pleasant comradeship of those passing hours? Do we bring into view other delightful experiences consequent upon our attending the Triennial of 1901? As we are in this reminiscent mood, we venture to quote some lines written by our daughter for the Triennial occasion, and recited by her one evening at the Galt House.

The sun shines bright o'er the old Kentucky home;
  'Tis summer, says sky and says stream;
The fields are fair and the woodland's green and gay;
  The days drowse by, as in a dream.
'Mid sights and sounds that the senses satisfy,
  'Mid scenes that are filled with delight,
The Templar host halts beneath the starry sky
  In the old Kentucky home to-night.

*Chorus.*

Hail, Sir Knights and Brothers;
  All hail the joyful day!
And to Templary we will pledge ourselves anew
  In the old Kentucky home far away.

From East and West, from the North and from the South,
  They gather their Conclave to hold;
Their hearts are true and their hands are helpful e'er,
  While on life's wide battlefield they're bold.
The great crusade they are called upon to wage
  Is service for truth and for right—
Such aim and act does the Templar host engage
  In the old Kentucky home to-night.

Chorus.

The waters wide of Ohio's rippling stream
  Bear onward a song to the sea
Of brotherhood, and life's melody that marks
  The dawn of a new century.
True Templary 'neath the banners of the cross
  Leads onward each valiant Sir Knight;
We'll sing its praise and its victories rehearse
  In the old Kentucky home to-night.

## PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

Our present report comprises a review of the Proceedings of forty Grand Commanderies, as noted in the appended list:

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| Alabama | 1901 | Missouri | 1901 |
| Arizona | 1900 | Mississippi | 1901 |
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| California | 1901 | Nebraska | 1901 |
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| Colorado | 1900 | New Jersey | 1901 |
| Connecticut | 1901 | New York | 1900 |
| District of Columbia | 1901 | North Carolina | 1901 |
| Florida | 1901 | Ohio | 1900 |
| Georgia | 1901 | Oklahoma Territory | 1901 |
| Illinois | 1900 | Oregon | 1900 |
| Indiana | 1901 | Pennsylvania | 1901 |
| Indian Territory | 1900 | South Dakota | 1901 |
| Kansas | 1901 | Tennessee | 1901 |
| Kentucky | 1901 | Texas | 1901 |
| Louisiana | 1901 | Vermont | 1901 |
| Maine | 1901 | Virginia | 1900 |
| Maryland | 1900 | West Virginia | 1901 |
| Michigan | 1901 | Wisconsin | 1900 |
| Minnesota | 1901 | Wyoming | 1901 |

It has been our purpose to bring this paper well up to date. We began its writing late in July; our last installment of copy goes to the printer on one of the early days of October. By this arrangement we have been able to review a number of Proceedings very recently received. We include several Grand Bodies whose meetings were held as late as May or June of the present year. The missing numbers are Iowa, North Dakota, and Washington.

We have waited expectantly for Iowa, whose Grand Commandery was in session at Templar Park during the second week of July. As already stated, the Report on Correspondence came to our table several weeks ago. It is an able paper, bright and entertaining, as all the reports of Frater Coxe are sure to be. We marked several passages for reference or quotation, and regret that we must hold them over.

In this connection we would offer our word of tribute to the memory and worth of that distinguished Mason and Templar, Theodore S. Parvin, who died at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 28, 1901, at the age of eighty-three years. He had been at the head of the various Masonic Grand Bodies in Iowa, and of the Grand Commandery of that jurisdiction. For fifteen years he served the Grand Encampment as its Grand Recorder. He was an accomplished ritualist, and exceedingly well informed upon all matters pertaining to Masonic and Templar interests. He held foremost rank among Masonic writers. The contributions of his pen have enriched the literature of Freemasonry and Templary. He was the founder of the Grand Lodge library of Iowa, holding the office of Grand Librarian from 1844 until his death. The influence of his noble life remains. He was faithful to the end.

> "Indomitable zeal inspired his worn and weary feet,
> And moved his earnest soul to make the work of life complete."

We present no special statistical exhibit with this report. We desire, however, to bear witness to the value of such statistics as we find them carefully compiled in several of the reports which have come to us for review. Correspondents Montgomery, of Minnesota, and Berry, of Maine, excel in the department named. While we have noted under each jurisdiction certain items of Templar strength, as connected with membership and financial condition, we are quite content to refer those who seek for tabular exhibits to the report of Grand Recorder Rowell, printed in the current Proceedings, which will show later returns than any now available.

## CONCLUSION.

We are conscious of a divided feeling as we come to frame the closing portions of this report. There is a sense of relief that we approach the end. As we have elsewhere intimated, the task of preparing a Correspondence Report is exceedingly pleasant; but none the less does it involve much of thought, and reading, and exacting labor.

Then, too, we are affected by the thought that we expected to do more than we have accomplished. The result is not equal to our anticipation. We fall into line with our Brother reviewers—a goodly company—and, looking over the inviting expanse waiting our scrutiny and service, we say,

> "Let us together
> Beat this ample field."

But when our work is done, how meagre seem the results! We have been but gleaners in the rich harvest fields; and the offerings we bring are far less than we could desire.

But a more profound feeling oppresses us at the time of writing this conclusion. We have great heaviness of heart, in common with the people of this country, who are in mourning to-day because their honored and greatly loved President is dead. He was a noble ruler, a patriotic citizen, a friend of progress and of humanity, a broad-minded and noble-hearted man. Now, alas! he lies dead by the assassin's bullet. We stand, with the people of all this land, under the shadow of a terrible bereavement. The great sorrow brings us closely together; as citizens we unite in sincere mourning for the departed President; as Masons and Knights Templars we hold his works and worth in tender memory. He was a member of our cherished Order, and in life and character gave practical illustration of its chivalric teachings.

The lessons and suggestions which appeal to us at this hour, as we consider the assassination of President McKinley, are of varied character. We make no attempt to point them out, except so far as to call attention to the perils which threaten our institutions and the very life of the republic, growing out of the spirit of unrest, unbelief, and anarchy now so much in evidence.

To repress this spirit should be the effort of all good citizens. They should stand together for the maintenance of those fundamental principles of religious truth and moral virtue so absolutely essential to the existence of civil government and free institutions. To this end they should recognize the proposition that true liberty is the very opposite of license and caprice. It is vitally identified with obedience to the law—the law of righteousness, the law of related life. More than two thousand years ago one of the Latin writers, in describing the condition of a free and prosperous people, used these words: "The republic must be reared on the basis of a genuine liberty, a liberty that consists in the exercise of one's own rights, while not interfering with the rights of other people." This essential truth needs to be stated and restated, taught in the schools and enforced in home instruction, that so there may be a willing acceptance of those restrictions necessarily imposed for the common welfare.

We may well rejoice in all institutions and forces conducive to the good order of society. Freemasonry may be counted among these forces. Its conserving tendencies are well known. It respects law and authority, seeking for that best expression of life which is duly regulated and held within just limitations.

Templary is such a power. It stands for faith, justice, and the right. It enforces a law of human service broad as the Golden Rule, and grandly illustrated by the life of the Master who "went about doing good," and whose word rings down the centuries bidding us to be followers of Him in very deed and truth. He is our Royal Leader, as He is the binding force of that Brotherhood which is growing all the world over—the inspiration of noblest institutions—the light and life of the world.

Our Friend, our Brother, and our Lord!
What may Thy service be?
Not name, nor fame, nor ritual word,
But simply following Thee!

Be it ours to hear the call, to recognize the fullness of service which belongs to patriotic citizenship and true manhood, thus contributing to the advance of truth and the best interests of humanity; ever looking forward and seeing by the vision of faith the good time coming, when, at the last,

The far continents shall be joined in one
By solemn sacrament; whose ritual,
Flashed throughout the earth, is Glory to God
In the highest! Peace on earth! Good-will to men!

Fraternally submitted,

Henry W. Rugg.

October 3, 1901.

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